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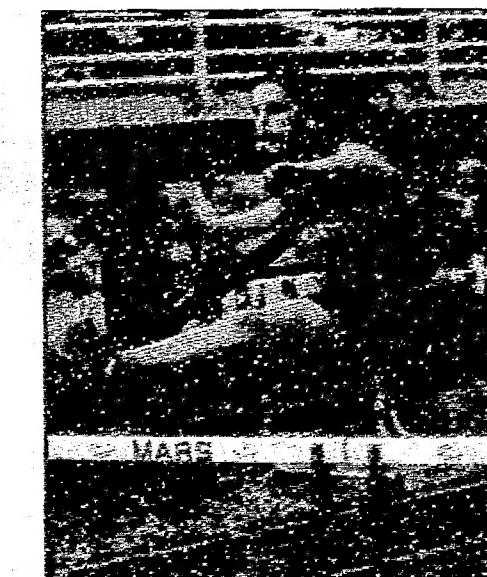


One day in September, an afternoon's rain changed the course of creeks and the lives of many local residents. It's our top story for the Year in Review. See Page 3.

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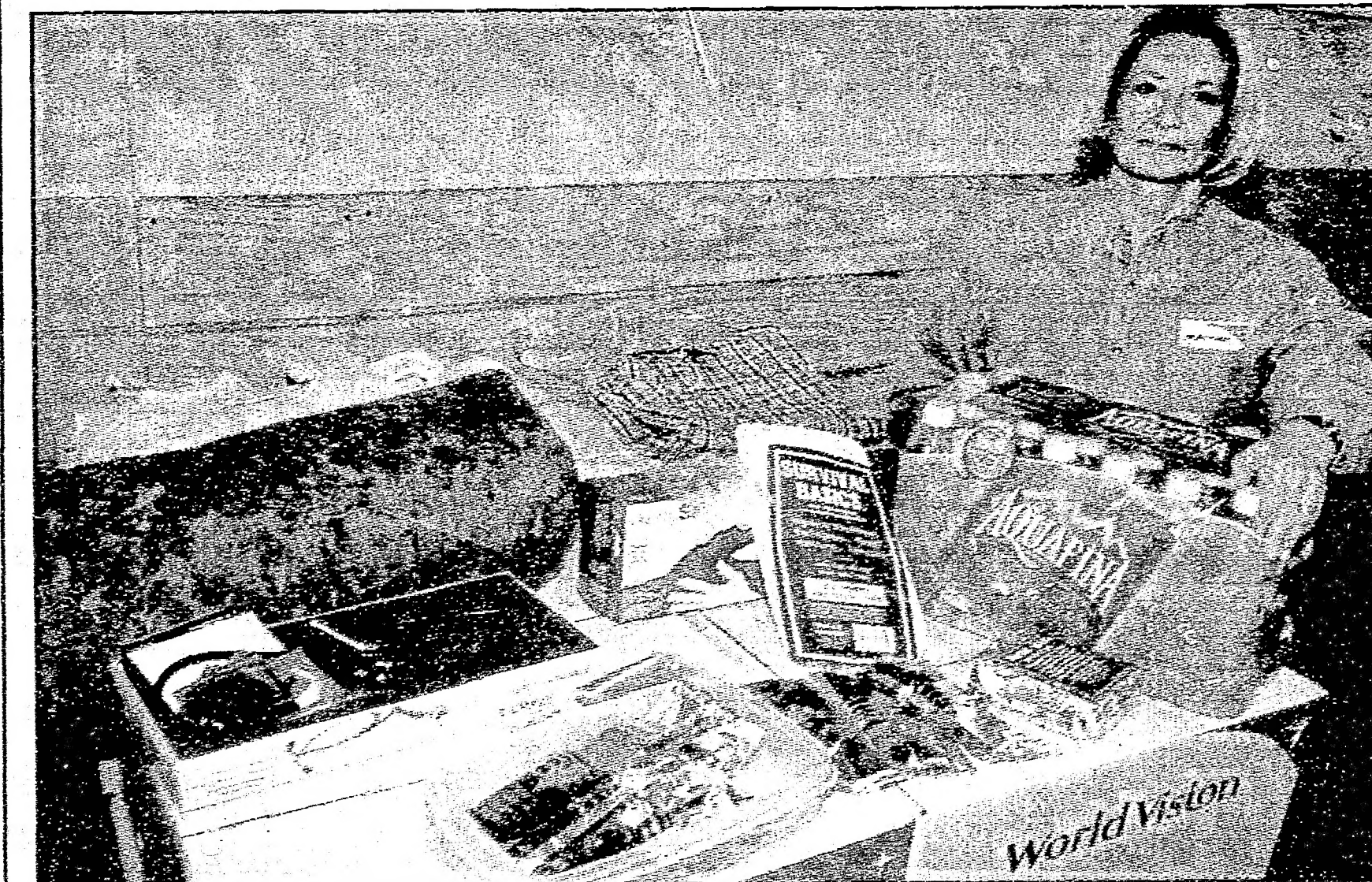


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A WORLD AWAY



SURVIVAL KITS of bottled water, clothing, blankets, medical supplies and more are on their way from World Vision's Aleppo Township warehouse. Jeanne Hungerman, executive director, shows some samples of the items included.

Photos by Tim Edmonson

Local aid on its way to south Asia

By Sarah Mills

Herald contributor

Massive world-wide relief efforts continue to bring aid and comfort to survivors of the earthquake and tsunamis in southeast Asia on Dec. 26.

Among those international organizations is World Vision. Working through its warehouse in Aleppo Township, the organization is shipping out relief packages to its staff in 100 countries around the world.

There are 8,000 staff already in south Asia to help relief efforts in the wake of the disaster.

"We have 99 percent of our staff indigenous to the countries in which they work. They're right there for immediate mitigation," said Jeanne Hungerman, executive director for development at World Vision.

The organization responds to disasters swiftly, contacting its staff in the countries affected to assess the damage and needs of the area. Its

40 executive directors across the U.S. work with donors to collect money and products to help the victims deal with the aftermath of the disaster.

"We see what we have in our warehouses, and generally let people know what we're doing. There's a lot of media in a situation like this, which is good — newspapers, KDKA, WTAE and WPXI," said Hungerman.

World Vision has already contacted more than 200 churches in the Pittsburgh area, asking them to pass out a pamphlet about World Vision and what the parishioners can do to help the organization.

Many churches have also agreed to take special collections in the upcoming week to help with the disaster.

Hungerman stressed that product donations are not needed in this case.

"Devastation in the countries reaches 10 miles inland, but we like to buy products in-

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REGION

Group reacts to Wal-Mart's DEP permit

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

A citizen's group opposing the development of a proposed Wal-Mart shopping center viewed the state Department of Environmental Protection's permit for developers' storm sewer plans as nothing but a temporary setback.

"At this point, we knew it was coming," said Mary Louise Fowkes, co-chair of Communities First!, a group fighting the Kilbuck Township development.

"We have a couple of options and we're in the midst of deciding what we'll do. It is not over."

The decision put ASC Development Inc. of Emsworth, the company handling the \$28 million project, one step closer to construction on the former Dixmont State Hospital site.

Members of the community group argue the Wal-Mart super center and surrounding shopping plaza will sit on bedrock and flood nearby Toms Run Road.

The permit allows developers to degrade the site and distribute surface water to the Ohio River.

After challenging initial storm sewer plans, Fowkes said Communities First! met with the DEP on Dec. 2, and were given one week to review new plans, which had been published Nov. 19, but weren't made available to group members.

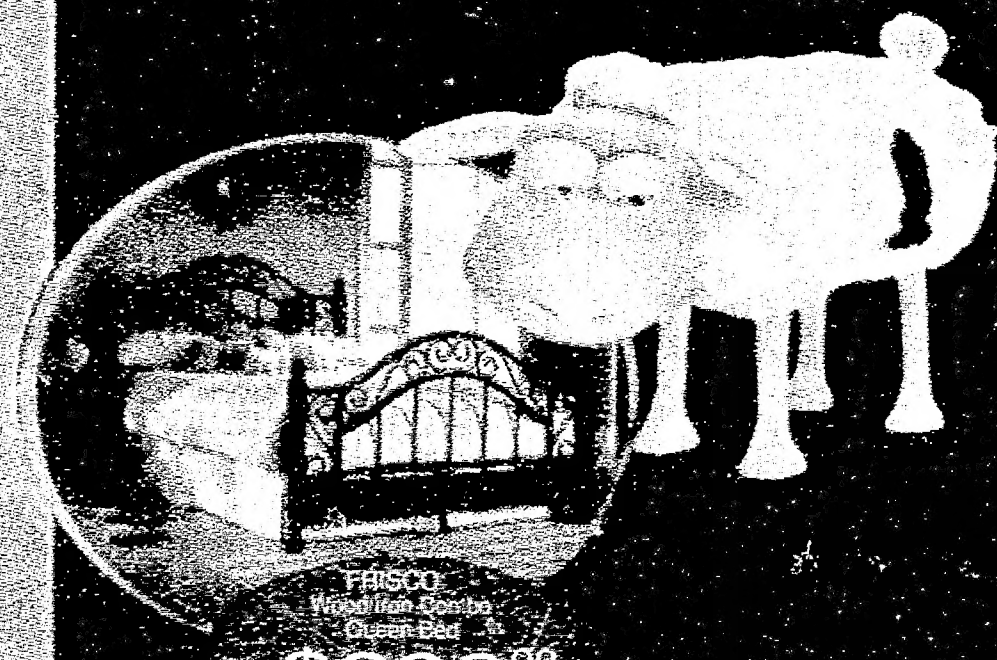
"At every meeting we've had with any government agency, they've never said we were wrong. They just say the developers must meet the requirements," said Fowkes.

William Sittig, an attorney representing ASC, said the only changes DEP required developers to make to storm sewer plans

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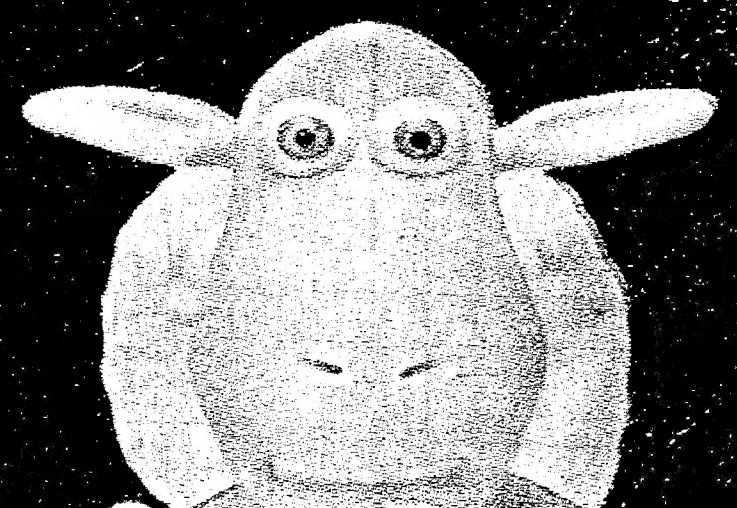


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YEAR IN REVIEW

Region's flood of 2004 tops local end-of-year stories

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

In the last months of 2004, stories of the flood filled the Sewickley Herald's pages.

But between the tales of devastation, hope and recovery, lay stories of beginnings, such as the church congregation that found a new home, and stories of conflict, like those of the officers laid off from a local department.

The following are the top news stories of the final six months of last year.

Flood of 2004

On Sept. 17, the Quaker Valley area was hit with six inches of rain in less than 18 hours.

In Leet Township, the heavy rains, spillover from Big Sewickley Creek and water rushing down Lunak Street from Camp Meeting Road created a river covering roads so deep there were whitecaps at points.

At Plum Street Park, water rose high enough to rip shingles off the pavilion.

When the water covered township streets, Beaver Falls Emergency Management rescued people from their homes using boats.

In nearby Haysville and Glenfield, roads disappeared under inches of water. In Sewickley, basements flooded, leaving possessions as muck-covered waste.

The days that followed were full of affected residents lining their front yards with what was salvageable, tossing what wasn't into huge dumpsters and filling out FEMA paperwork.

Emergency officials watched their community pull together to help everyone through the tragedy.

They saw community volunteers from volunteer fire departments sacrifice endless hours to help others.

As the stories came about people living with no heat, ruined belongings and limited budgets, relief donations poured in from students, private individuals and local charity groups.

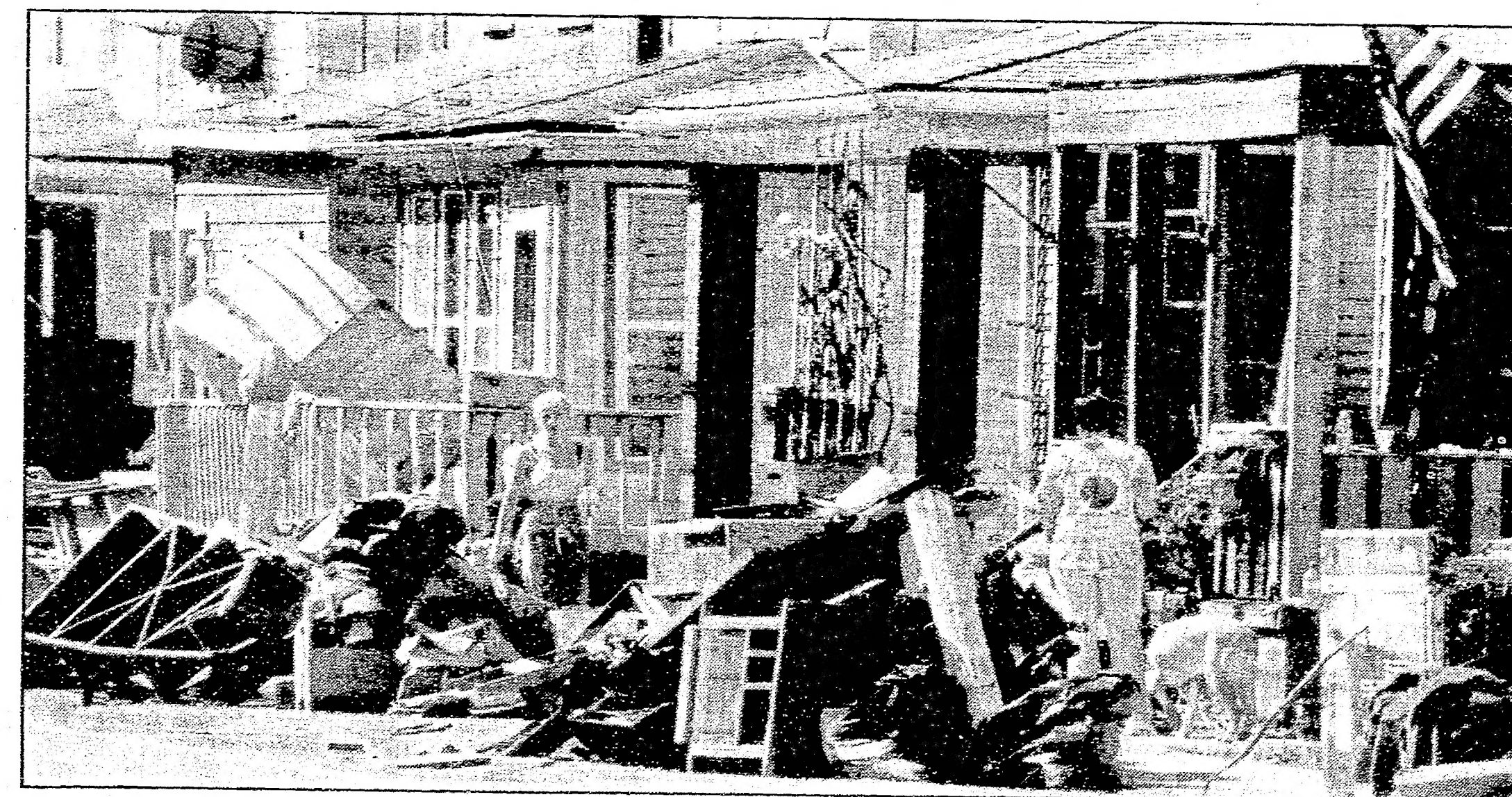
Their efforts to help neighbors recover from the flood damage continue today.

Old building, new church

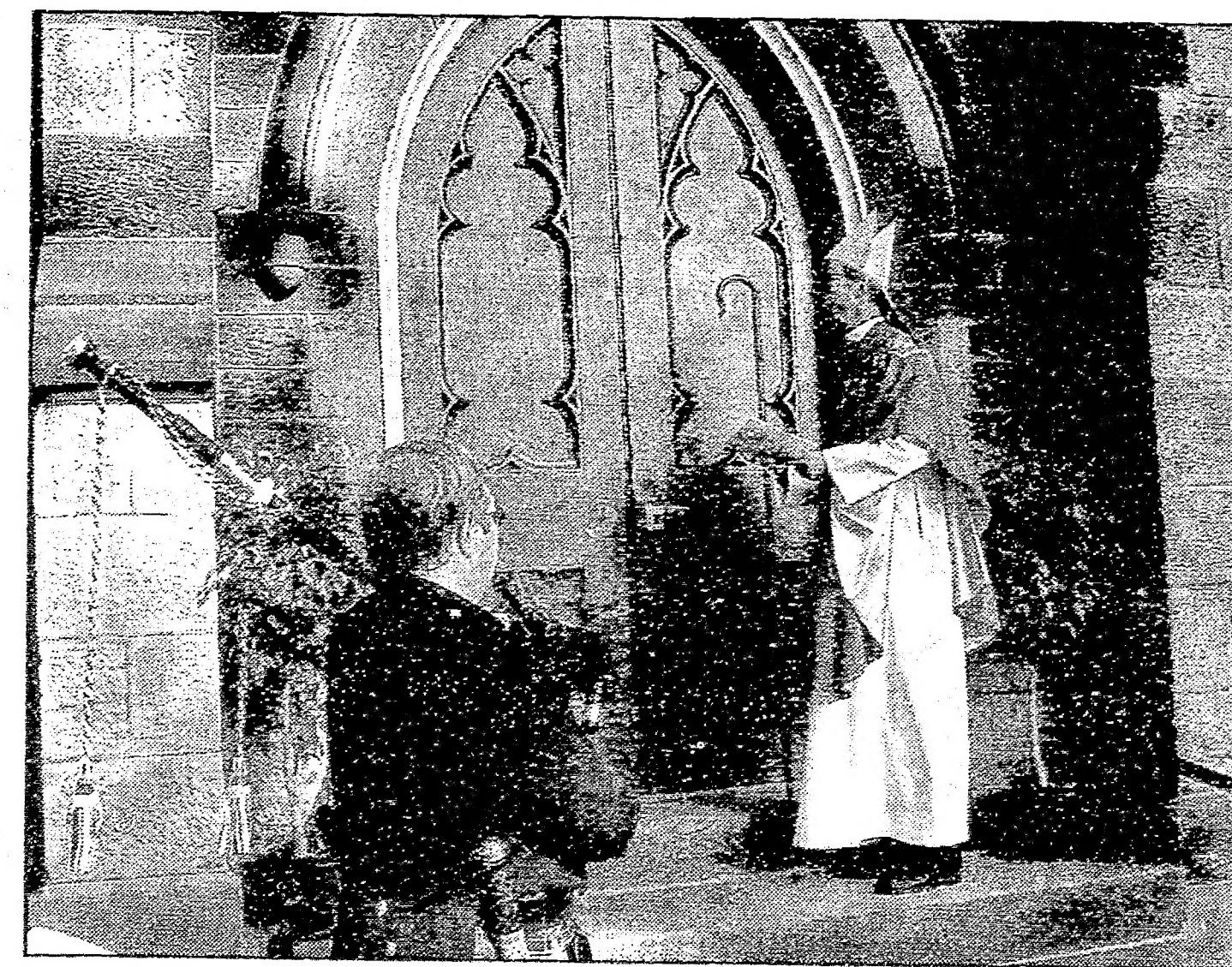
This summer, an old congregation found a new home in an empty church when the Grace Episcopal Church family moved into Shields Presbyterian Church in Edgeworth.

The 19th century church, which went without a permanent congregation for almost 30 years, is rooted in Sewickley history.

It is dedicated to Daniel Leet, a soldier who was awarded the land now making up the Sewickley Valley by George Washington for his service in the Revolutionary War, and his wife, Wilhemina.



THE FLOODS of September brought ruin to many residents in Leet Township (above) after Big Sewickley Creek over ran its banks. (At right) Shields Presbyterian Church is rededicated by the congregation of Grace Episcopal Church.



Art center finance concerns

In August, members of the Sweetwater Center for the Arts board of directors reorganized their staff, board and overall business strategy.

For the 2003-04 fiscal year, Sweetwater revenues totaled \$500,000 and expenses totaled \$505,000. In 2005, the center faces a rent increase from \$36,000 to approximately \$80,000 a year, including utility costs.

To help reorganize, 12 new board members joined the existing 14 and several changes were made to the center's personnel. They included filling the executive director seat left empty by David Motak's resignation with Teena Verrico and expanding the position to include business manager responsibilities.

To generate enthusiasm for the center, the board is looking to begin joint programs with other institutions, such as Robert Morris University with interns and children's programs.

Sweetwater remains in the building and no plans of relocation have been announced yet to date.

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World Vision continues disaster effort

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country. There are resources beyond that," said Hungerman, citing the fact that buying from countries affected by natural disasters can help the country economically.

Financial support it needed to assist World Vision in helping the disaster victims.

A donation of \$30 can provide emergency food assistance for one individual for an entire month, while \$100 can provide an entire family with a survival kit.

The World Vision survival kits are contained in orange buckets (orange being World Vision's color, signifying hope) and include a tarp for protec-

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tion from the elements, cooking utensils, soap and other hygienic products and water purification tablets.

World Vision was founded in 1950 by Bob Pierce, an evangelist who was assigned by the U.N. as a photojournalist during the Korean War.

Horried by the human suffering and the growing number of orphans, he founded World Vision, an organization which today is involved in the needs of children as well as bringing aid and helping with development of countries in need.

"World Vision is the largest purveyor of food around the world," said Hungerman.

"We work with the government and other non-government organizations to help distribute food in-country."

Although the international community has been mobilized, the region affected by the quaking earth and walls of water will have a hard time recovering.

"This disaster is the largest we've ever had to deal with," said Hungerman. "We're helping with a \$2 million initial start, but that number will probably rise."

"I couldn't even guess how long it will take [before the region recovers]."

To donate, call Jeanne Hungerman at 412-749-1806, or visit the Web site at www.worldvision.org.

REGION

Next up, PennDOT approval

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involved water quality controls and runoff from the parking lot and loading dock.

"These were not related to comments from Communities First!," he said.

Fowkes likens the project to the development of a Sam's Club in a nearby neighborhood.

"We are hearing more and more horror stories out of Mt.

Nebo Pointe. We don't want that here, but it will be happening in a heartbeat," said Fowkes.

"If they don't start waking up, this will become a big mess."

To begin construction, developers need approval from PennDOT for plans to handle increased traffic in the area.

Sittig said PennDOT is reviewing comments Communities First! submitted regarding the traffic study.

"There is no substance to them," he said.

"I believe PennDOT will approve (the permit) and from a regulation standpoint, we will be ready to proceed."

Results of the review are expected by the end of the month.

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CRIME WATCH

Awareness, common sense can protect against thieves

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

As if snow-covered streets and chapped lips weren't bad enough, cold months also bring with them an increase in theft.

The need for money before and after the holidays makes rates for snatched purses, stolen cars and burglarized homes highest during winter.

But Chief John Mook of the Sewickley Police Department says there are many ways people can stay safe.

Most importantly, he advises people to be aware of their surroundings and understand theft can happen to anyone.

"People need to realize that not everyone is honest," he said.

Something as simple as grocery shopping may not seem like a dangerous situation.

But, Mook says, women who leave purses in their shopping carts and stray a few feet away

are asking to be theft victims. He recommends securing purses with the straps in the front of most shopping carts.

Because thieves are most likely to prey on women and the elderly, Mook advises they carry wallets instead of purses.

"Some women tell me it's O.K. because they don't have anything in them, but a thief doesn't know that. Older people get knocked down and get a hip broken over a purse that had \$5 in it."

As a former member of the Pittsburgh Police Department, Mook heard many stories of thieves snatching tickets from the hands of unsuspecting people heading toward sporting events or concerts.

When attending such an event, it is important to park in a well-lit, high-volume facility. People who try to save money by avoiding garages and park-

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David Cook retires after 34 years

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

Bob Yant hired David Cook in 1970 and the two have worked together ever since.

But now Cook, 59, is ready to finish the job he started 34 years ago working for the Sewickley Borough public works department.

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"He's been a good, steady worker," says Yant, public works director.

"He never missed work unless he was on vacation. He's just a wonderful man. We'll miss him."

"Cookie," as his friends on the crew call him, always had a quick wisecrack ready for co-workers.

"He was a jokester. He always had a good saying for a laugh," says Yant.

But Cook's most prominent memory of his job has nothing to do with humor.

When he was a member of



DAVID COOK takes last meter tour before retirement last week.

Sewickley's sanitation crew in the 1970s, Cook and his co-workers found the body of a teenage boy who had committed suicide in War Memorial

Park. "That's not something you forget," says Cook, a Sewickley resident.

The uncertainty of what every day would bring him kept Cook on the job for more than three decades.

"Everyday was different. Everyday you had a different job," he says.

As a member of the road crew, Cook patched potholes, picked up leaves and tree branches and collected coins from the borough's 300 meters.

Every Monday, he'd spend three hours pushing the borough's "money cart" around town gathering drivers' fees, regardless of weather.

"We're like the mailmen," he says.

Whenever he saw a storm coming, the department veteran knew he'd be busy collecting leaves and branches the next day. But snowflakes in the sky guaranteed him a day indoors.

"I don't like the cold, not anymore. I let the other guys take care of those jobs."

"I'm back!"

—Joanne Loperfita,
Vandergrift, PA

Joanne Loperfita is a sprightly 69-year-old who loves gardening, spending time with her grandchildren, and taking care of her mother. Even the typical aches and pains of osteoporosis didn't slow her down. But an unexpected fracture of her thoracic vertebra did. Happily, Joanne immediately went to Greater Pittsburgh Orthopaedic Associates for treatment. They ordered x-rays, a six-week therapy and exercise program, and a special brace. Joanne is now back to the things she loves most.



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VILLAGE VOICES

If you were a movie villain, how would you take over the world?



**JIM MATHIEU
Shaler**

"... use female robots to get in with the world leaders."



**MATT ZEMBA
Baldwin**

"... threaten the world with a mind-control satellite that would play The Wiggles (children's show) all day."



**GARRETT DANIEL
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"I'd find Godzilla."



**JIM HUSAK
Sewickley**

"... not the way Bush is doing it."



**ROBERT FADDEN
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"I'd burn off the o-zone layer."

EDITORIAL

Victims of tsunamis neighbors in need

By Alan Wallace

Gateway Newspapers editor

If ever there was a time for area residents to extend the "season of giving" a bit and reach out with helping hands halfway around the world, this is it.

In the aftermath of the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunamis in the Indian Ocean that killed more than 100,000 people and devastated coastal areas, survivors are struggling to rebuild homes and lives and fend off further peril from disease.

Responding to what ranks as one of the worst natural disasters ever, the governments of the United States and other affluent nations are sending various forms of aid to the affected areas.

But the short- and long-term needs of the tsunamis' victims are staggering, which means that aid funneled through private charitable organizations will play a critical role in recovery efforts.

Western Pennsylvanians need not worry much about earthquakes or tsunamis, but we do know a bit about flooding, as we all were reminded dramatically on Sept. 17 by the remnants of Hurricane Ivan.

Neighbors of area flood victims — and others far away — responded quickly with aid that ranged from volunteer labor to donations of money and household items. We hope this region will respond just as generously and warmly to the plight of the tsunamis' victims as it did to the plight of the flood victims.

Officials with private relief agencies



say the best way to help recovery efforts in southeast Asia is by donating money, rather than food, clothing, medical supplies and other items.

There are many organizations working to assist the tsunamis' victims — some secular, some with ties to particular religious faiths — and all are appealing for donations.

We encourage local residents to give whatever money they can to the tsunami-relief agency of their choice.

Some in the region may be feeling

"charity fatigue" from the holiday season. They can overcome that feeling by thinking about how much this region's flood victims were helped then by donors near and far and how badly the tsunami victims now need our help.

The efforts to help those affected by the killer waves offer an opportunity for this region to respond in kind.

No matter where you live, everyone is — in a larger sense — your neighbor. Take this opportunity to help your neighbors on the other side of the globe.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Foundation ends year on note of thanks

Editor:

As we look back on the year just past, our thoughts turn with thanks to the community Sewickley Valley Hospital serves.

In 2004 the Sewickley Valley Hospital Foundation sponsored two major fund-raising events in support of the hospital's planned renovation of its emergency department — the Ladies Golf Outing in the spring and the Country Club Crawl in October.

These events would not have been the successes they were without the support of many, many people: the merchants who provided gifts and space to promote our activities; the Diamond Run, Edgeworth, Sewickley Heights and Allegheny Country clubs where the events were held; the artists whose talents resulted in a very successful art auction; the committees who devoted countless volunteer hours planning and staging the golf outing and Club Crawl; the hundreds of people who supported our endeavors; and the Sewickley Herald for their great publicity throughout the year.

We are truly grateful, and we wish you all the best in 2005.

Martha Oakey, director,
Sewickley Valley Hospital Foundation



CLUB CRAWL committee members planned October's successful event.

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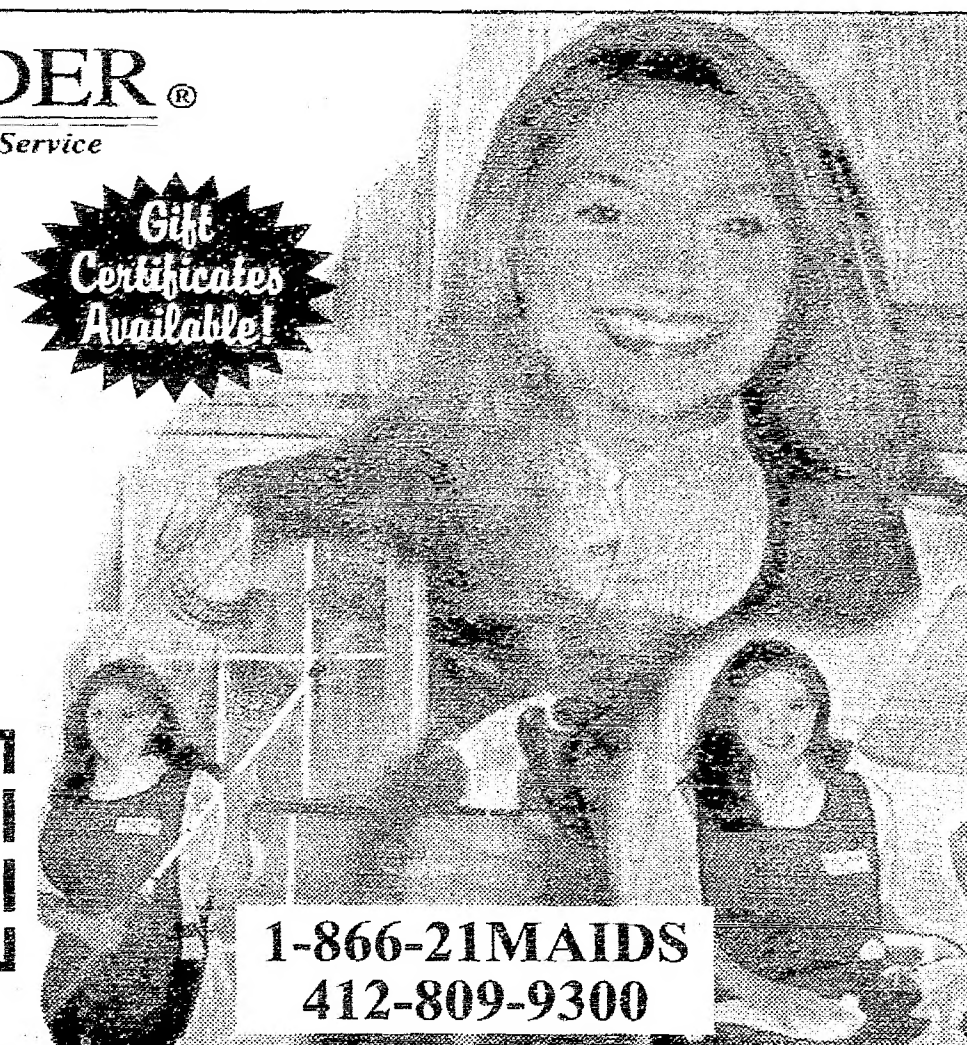
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PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE PET SUPPLIES "PLUS" INTO THE MIND OF THE DOG

Written by Burton Patrick

The more I understand about dog behavior and their needs, the more I realize I don't know. It amazes me that some people don't think dogs have emotions such as happiness, disappointment, and sorrow. Most don't think that dogs can reason through problems the way we do. I believe dogs have all these complicated personality traits, but they certainly are not the same as ours. I also believe that dogs, to some degree, have paralleled our personalities because of their association with us over the millennia.

Dogs can relate to us in ways that we may define as Extra Sensory Perception or ESP. In the old days ESP was considered hocus pocus. Our pets and certain people have abilities that fall far out of the range of normal human perception and understanding. Hearing, perception of vibration, smell and taste are all much more acute than our own. I also believe they have a sense of time and can what is happening before it happens, because of a series of events that we may not have noticed at all. They sense danger that many times we miss (at the time this article was written it was 4 days after the Indian Ocean Tsunami and authorities have not documented a single wild animal killed by the storm). These adaptations coupled with breeding selection has resulted in some extraordinary companions.

Recently in *The Scientist Publication*, researchers found that dogs fare very well against chimps in regards to comprehension of commands and cues. Dogs actually tested better than chimps when researchers studied their ability to understand human direction.

At the New Iberia research center in Louisiana tested chimps and dogs in an experiment dealing with perception. A person would give a treat to the chimp and the dog a number of times and look at them as he gave it to them when they begged. After a few times the person put a bucket over his head and the chimp continued to beg.

even though he could not see the person's face. The dog not being able to direct the attention of the treat giver did not beg. This is an extraordinary ability and you can see it yourself in your dog. Your dog will direct your attention with his gaze and many times he will use his eyes to direct you to a particular action like going outside.

Dogs also understand ownership and preferential selection. For example, Ozzie my Jack Russell, is able to pick his own presents. On his first Christmas we gave him a number of wrapped presents that were toys. Those toys had various smells of latex, vinyl, rawhides, and other treats. Now when we sit down at the tree, he starts going through the presents and using his sense of smell and memory to pick out his presents. In ten years he has never made a mistake and opened the wrong present.

Knowledge can be broken down into two major components. There is experienced knowledge and naïve knowledge. Naïve knowledge could be considered instinctual knowledge, like the need to procreate. But we also know that experience plays a major part in the success of the reproductive process. Naïve knowledge is much harder to define than knowledge learned through experience because it does not rely on acquired responses.

Dogs also learn by mimicking others to achieve responses. This is why I firmly believe that dogs learn by watching us and even other animals. Once they see that the action results in a positive reward it becomes part of their experienced knowledge reflex.

We have only skimmed some of the things that define the mind of the dog. Every dog is an individual that has a complex personality that is fascinating to observe and comprehend if we only take the time.

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Police cutbacks

In September, Sewickley Heights Borough Council laid off four officers from the police department in efforts to save the borough an estimated \$233,000.

In his letter to residents, Evans Rose Jr., council president, explained the decision was made to avoid increasing real estate taxes.

"Before even considering a real estate tax increase, we must eliminate all unnecessary operating expenditures, yet retain the quality of service and services performed by the Borough and its employees and insure the continuance of the marvelous ambiance and solitude of our community," he wrote in a letter to residents.

At the several crowded meetings that followed, groups of residents told council members they were willing to pay to keep the police force fully staffed.

Borough officials said they would hire a limited number of part-time officers to support the three full-timers.

Members of the Fraternal Order of Police continue to fight the decision.

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A gold-medal worthy gift

September also brought the story of a father and his quest to travel to Athens, Greece, to watch his sprinter daughter participate in the Olympic games.

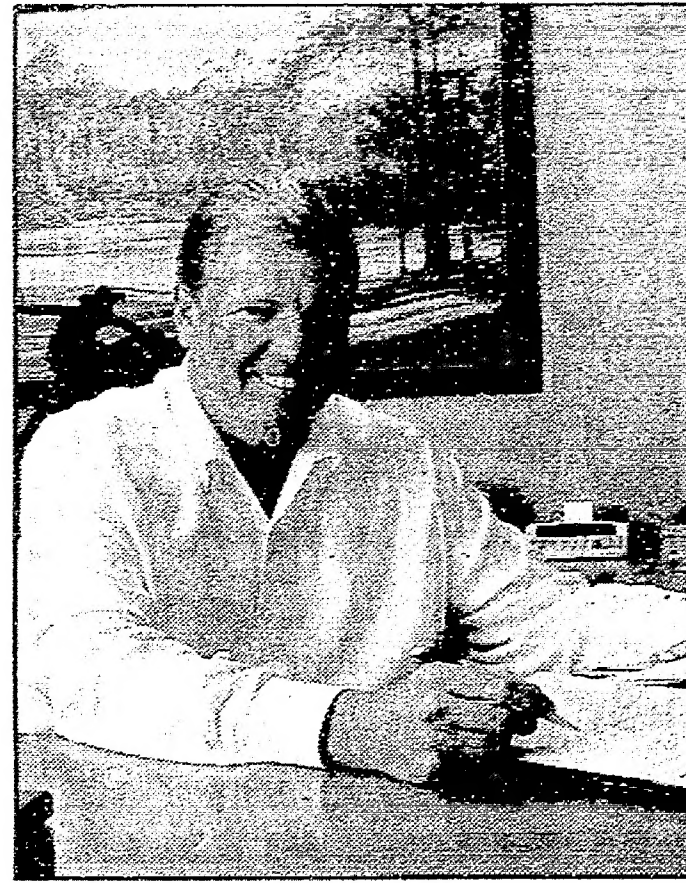
When Sewickley Heights resident Tim Wiebe, 56, heard the story of David Williams, a 51-year-old Rochester man battling leukemia, who'd set out to raise \$10,000 so he could travel to Greece to support his athlete daughter, Lauryn, the businessman knew how to help.

He wrote a check to the Williams Family Olympic Travel fund for the exact amount.

Williams, a native of Trinidad, was diagnosed with the disease in 1989 and undergoes three dialysis treatments daily.

Having been diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma eight years ago, Wiebe immediately related to the proud father's plight.

Williams did attend the games and watched as Lauryn won a silver medal in the 100-meter dash.



TIM WIEBE made a connection of Olympic proportions to help a father watch his daughter's silver-medal run.

The two men speak daily and Wiebe plans to continue fund-raising for Williams.

Electing future leaders

In November's election, a newcomer was elected to fill a veteran's seat and three incumbents kept their positions.

In the race for the 37th Senatorial District, Sen. John Pippy was elected to begin his first full term in office after filling the seat left empty by now U.S. Rep. Tim Murphy last year.

Incumbent Republican Melissa Hart beat out Democrat Steven Drobac and Steven Larchuk of the American Healthcare party for the seat in Congressional District 4.

Rep. Mark Mustio will stay in the seat he's occupied since filling the seat left empty by Pippy last year after beating Democrat Tim McLaughlin in the race for state representative in the 44th district.

Sean Ramaley (D), 29, beat out Republican competitor Pat Geho in the race to fill the seat left empty by State Rep. Susan Laughlin after her 16 years of service.

A band's banner comeback

In December, the Quaker Valley High School marching band won the PIMBA Class A Championship.

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Common sense adds to safety

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ing on side streets often come back to find they have no way home.

Keys should never be left in a vehicle, and it should remain locked at all times as thieves often peer into to cars to see what valuables drivers left inside.

"This is what they do. It's their job," said Mook.

He also advises women avoid wearing long necklaces that thieves could easily rip off their necks.

Most thieves use stolen items to support drug habits by selling them on the street.

Mook advises that people don't buy anything from anyone selling jewelry or watches in a bar or off the street. Chances are, the items they are selling are either stolen or fake.

"You think you're getting a good deal on a watch or ring and then the skin on your hand turns green," he said. "Those people work off people's greed."

When something is stolen locally, the first place Mook checks is pawnshops in Allegheny and Beaver counties, all which report to the municipalities in which they are located.

A victim's first step should be filing a report with local police. But items can't always be retrieved and thieves can't always be caught.

"For everyone we catch, 10 get away," said Mook.

"In most cases, there's not much to go on because victims often don't see anything. But if I see a guy running down Centennial Avenue with a purse in his hands, I'm going to stop him and see what the problem is."

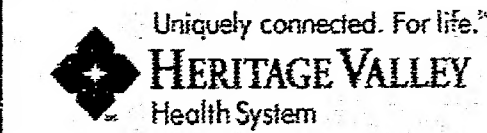
Credit cards and checks must be cancelled immediately after victims discover they've been robbed. Once thieves get them, they use them as soon as possible before the victim realizes they're missing and make quick purchases over the phone to avoid showing identification.

If a purse is stolen, the victim must change the locks on her home because thieves use drivers' licenses to find addresses and simply use keys

found in the bag to enter the house.

Mook advises residents use alarm systems at home and set them even if just leaving for a few minutes.

If vacationing, homeowners should stop mail and newspa-



Alcohol Abuse

(January 5, 2005) — Alcohol abuse is marked by the repeated use of alcohol, even when it disrupts relationships, causes you to miss work and neglect other obligations in your daily life. You don't have to drink on a daily basis or drink excessive amounts of alcohol to have an abuse problem.

Continuous alcohol abuse can lead a physical and emotional dependence on alcohol. When this occurs, it may be impossible for you to quit drinking without professional help. Alcoholics revolve their life around alcohol. Often they drink secretly or hide the amount they are drinking. Continued alcohol abuse can cause serious damage to internal organs such as the liver and the stomach.

Alcohol abuse has no definitive causes, however, it is known that it can be a hereditary problem. Alcoholics can usually be identified by their behavior. They may have problems in their personal and professional lives, including legal problems directly linked to drinking. They often neglect responsibilities and engage in risky behaviors such as unprotected sex or driving while intoxicated.

Alcoholism can be treated through a combination of counseling, education, medication, and involvement with support groups. Your doctor can advise treatment for withdrawal symptoms.

Dr. Nicholas Carosella of Heritage Valley Health System understands the dangers of alcohol abuse. "The first step in alcohol recovery is recognizing abuse. If you or someone you know is abusing alcohol, it's important to seek professional, medical help as soon as possible."

For more information on alcohol abuse, visit Heritage Valley Health System's website at www.heritagevalley.org.

CRIME WATCH

per delivery and set light timers throughout the house.

Police rely on high visibility to deter thieves. Two officers

patrol the one-mile coverage area of Sewickley 24 hours a day.

Mook also uses an officer to patrol parking meters and has one bicycle patrolman.

"You never know how many

crimes you've prevented. You figure, we're across the river from Coraopolis, which is higher in crime, and Ambridge. I really think the police department here keeps it as safe as it is," he said.

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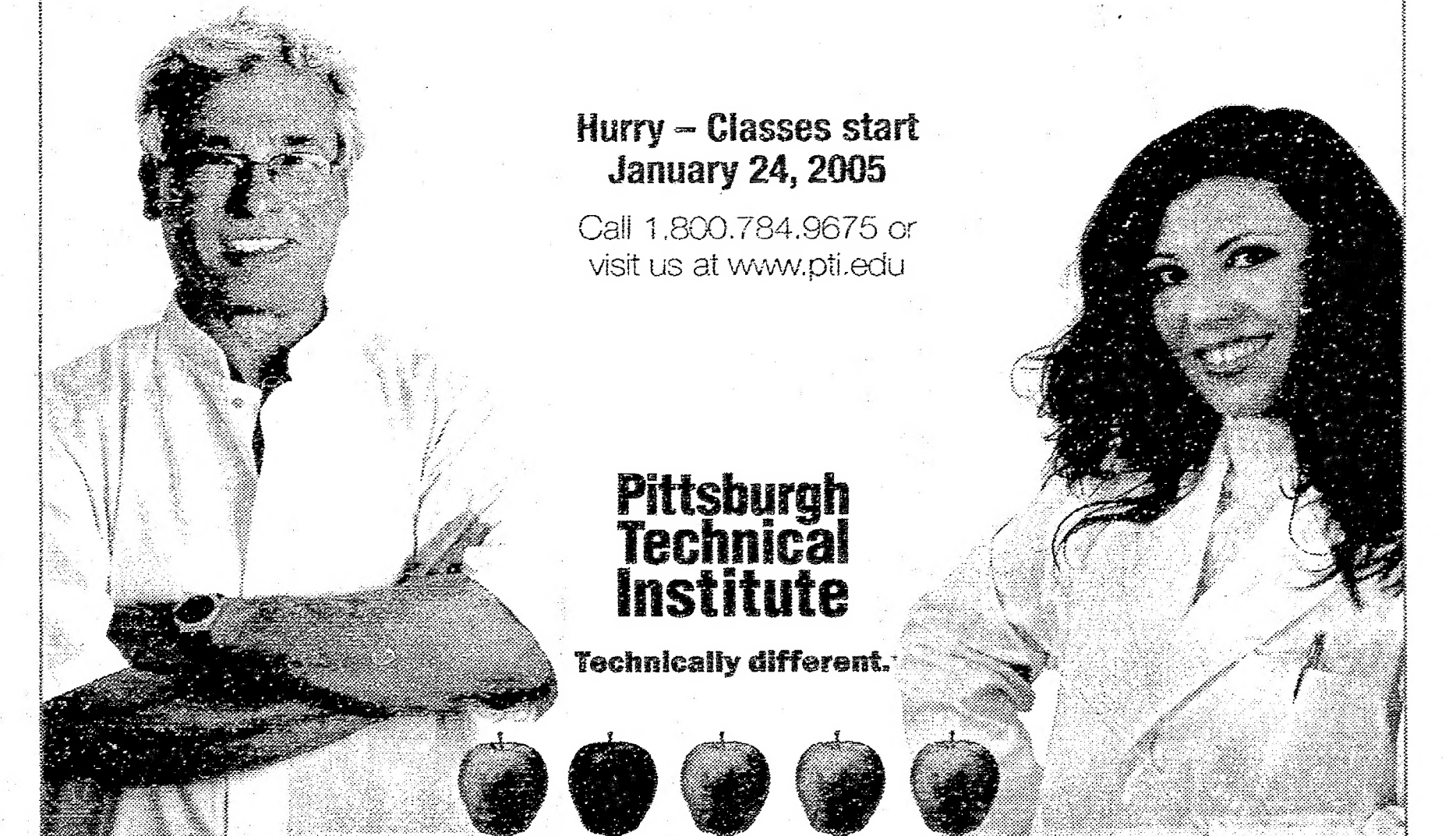
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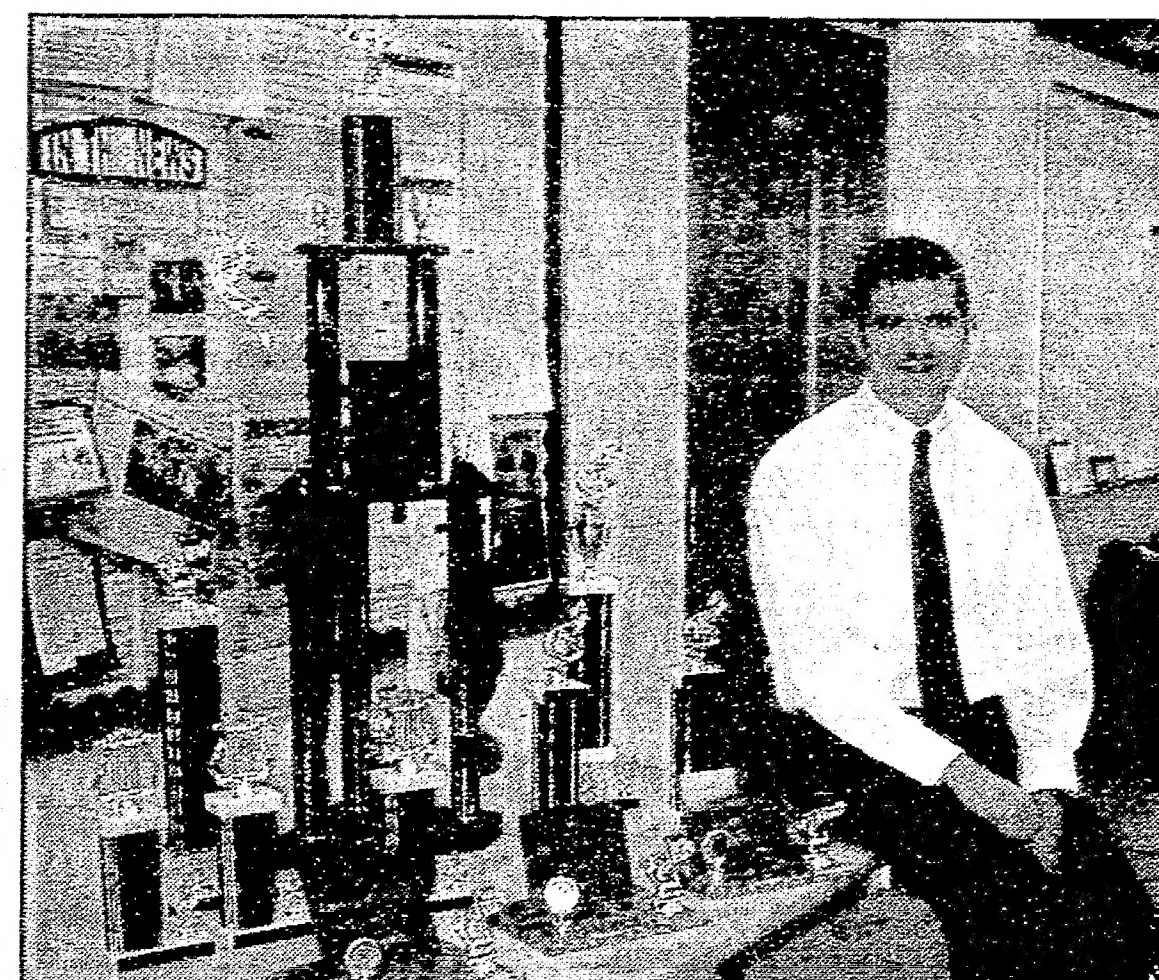
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After five years of not competing, the band re-emerged this year and earned honors at the Fox Chapel Area High School Marching Band Compe-

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tion and the Contest of Champions competition at Gateway High School. The PIMBA win gave them

the title of No. 1 Class A band. This year's award-winning performance included selections from the Cirque du Soleil show "La Nouba". The show had a rock feel interlaced with music one may hear at a circus. The up-tempo



THE TROPHY case is full of first-place awards earned in 2004 by QVHS marching band as directed by Sean Desguin.

opening song "Distorted" was a crowd favorite.

The opener was highlighted by color guard members waving flowing pink flags. The last song, "Urban," featured the band's percussion section, which has been expanded to include a stationary tympani and chimes.

Sean Desguin, who filled the director position left open by Todd Fox three years ago, attributes the band's success to the talent of his musicians and the variety of the show.

"They're seeing that we're not only there to support the football team," he said. "We're a viable performance group on our own."

Next year, because many seniors are graduating, Desguin hopes to have a surge of younger students joining band.

Planning a renovation

Officials at Quaker Valley School District spent much of their time in 2004 preparing for renovations of Osborne and Edgeworth Elementary schools and working on improvements to McNamara Field at the high school.

Edgeworth Elementary is first on the list to receive an

extreme makeover courtesy of the district's master plan.

Construction will begin when classes end this year on May 27, a week earlier than usual. Students will begin classes a week earlier this fall on Aug. 25.

Work will continue through the summer and the 2005-2006 school year. After Edgeworth Elementary is renovated, the project at Osborne Elementary School will begin.

The entire plan for both schools is projected to be complete at the start of the 2007-2008 school year.

QV officials came to an agreement with Ambridge Area School District last allowing students and staff to use the former Anthony Wayne Elementary School while construction occurs at both schools.

The agreement allows QV to rent the space beginning in January for \$4,000 a month for 31 months.

QV will begin work on this building in preparation for the students' arrival in September. The work will include roofing repairs and lighting and heating work.

AGENDA Municipal Bldg. Broad Street; 100 North Dr.; **Bell Acres:** 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Big Sewickley Creek Firehall; **Edgeworth:** 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building; **Glenfield:** 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Riverside Park; **Haysville:** 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., 34 South Ave.; **Leet:** 2nd Monday, 7:30, Municipal Bldg.; **Leetsdale:** 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.,

Osborne: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30, Sewickley COW; 2nd Tuesday, 7:30, Boro Bldg.; **Sewickley Heights:** 3rd Monday, 4:30, Boro Hall; **Sewickley Hills:** 1st Monday, 7:30, Fairhill Rec. Bldg.; **QV School Board:** 4th Tuesday, 8 p.m., QVMS.

TEMPO

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Auditions begin for spring drama

High school- and college-age singers from throughout the tri-county area of Beaver, Butler and Allegheny can audition for Tri-County Choir Institute's Passion Play, "Why Must He Die?"

Auditions will take place today (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. at a private studio in Sewickley.

The drama, a one and one-half hour original musical, will be presented at 20 different churches throughout the Lenten season by the Teen Chorale.

The Passion Play is a meditation through music, liturgical dance and drama on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

For more information, call the director, Linda Wallace, at 412-741-3463 or e-mail at lindawallace@comcast.net.

Winter classes

Sewickley Valley YMCA has begun its first winter session of arts programs for 2005.

Introduction to Dance for children ages 8 to 12 will be held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. through Feb. 20. The fee is \$50 for members; \$70 for program members.

Adult Tap will be held Mondays at 7:30 p.m. through Feb. 19. The fee is \$50 for members; \$70 for program members.

Sing N' Play, a class for children ages four to six, will be held Mondays at 10:30 a.m. through Feb. 19. The fee is \$45 for members; \$65 for program members.

Home School Music Class, for youths ages 10 to 17 will be held Mondays at 11:45 a.m. through Feb. 19. The fee is \$63 for members; \$76 for program members.

Theatre Class for youths ages 11 to 15 will be held Saturdays at noon from Feb. 5 to May 14. The fee is \$125 for members; \$150 for program members.

For more information, call the YMCA at 412-741-9622, Ext. 105.

Learning the stock market

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, the American Association of Individual Investors will sponsor another educational seminar for beginning stock investors. This free session, open to the public, will deal with the basics of value investing.

The meeting will be held in the community room of Sewickley Public Library, 500 Thorn St., Sewickley, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

No reservations are required. The next session will be on March 9.

Newsmakers share stories with Herald readers

Compiled by Rachel Weaver and Dona S. Dreeland

While several stories dominated our Year in Review coverage, many other people became newsmakers as their accomplishments brought them into the spotlight.

■ In January, John Pippy, U.S. Army captain, returned home after eight months in Iraq as commander of the 332nd engineering company.

■ State Rep. Susan Laughlin announced her retirement after 16 years of serving the 16th District.

■ February brought the appointment of Dr. Heidi Ondek as principal of Quaker Valley High School.

■ Tony R's Pizza Shop celebrated 50 years in business.

■ In March, Officer Frank Pickell retired after serving 35 years with the Edgeworth Police Department.

■ Barbara Salak, Sewickley Academy band instructor, died in April after battling cancer for nearly eight years.

■ Mim Bizic retired in May after 30 years as Edgeworth Elementary's school librarian.

■ Dr. Joyce Ferris retired from her position as Sewickley Academy head of Senior School.

■ In June, Bell Acres Mayor Richard Loftus retired with intentions of moving south to be with family.

■ Antoni Jankiewicz, Merchant Marine veteran, was named Grand Marshal of Leetsdale's 4th of July parade.

■ Frederic Potts, Sewickley Valley YMCA's former general director and CEO, died June 25.

■ Aleppo firefighters, Robbie Kriger, Chuck Davis Jr. and Justin Davis, took first-place trophies in the Beaver Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter Challenge.

■ Cora Deloia and Carina Ferrone opened Spoiled Chics boutique on Beaver Street.

■ Doc Mishler rode into town on horseback collecting funds for Bread for the World.

■ Ruth McChesney, a patron of the art of creating elegant room miniatures, died on July 18.

■ Fawn Chang and Camille Moulton stepped into the co-presidency of Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce.

■ Jean Homitsky, owner of Riverside Builders Supply, donated her collection of 100-150 dolls; to raise funds at an auction for the Citizens For Soldiers campaign in August.

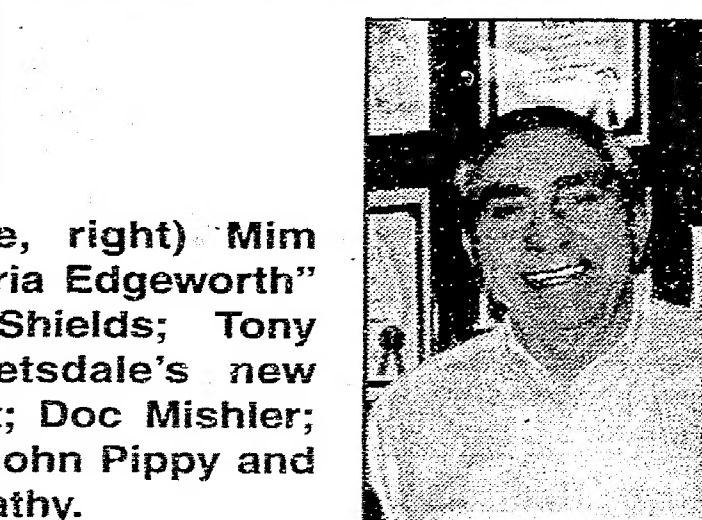
■ Dawn Cosnotti opened Perfect, a women's boutique, on Broad Street.

■ Frank Yant Sr., firefighter for 28

SPOTLIGHT



(Clockwise, right) Mim Bizic, "Maria Edgeworth" and B.G. Shields; Tony Raso; Leetsdale's new monument; Doc Mishler; and Sen. John Pippy and his wife Kathy.



Edgeworth's centennial celebration.

■ Margaret Marshall, owner of the Penguin Book Shop, celebrated the business's 75th year.

■ Leetsdale's war veterans are honored with the dedication of a new Honor Role in Henle Park in November.

■ Lisa Doran opened Moxie, a fashion boutique on Beaver St.

■ The Walker Family celebrated its Pittsburgh business history with a publication, "Keeping Tryst," written by Stephen Neal Dennis.

■ In December, local moms organized "Moms For Sewickley: Shop Sewickley First" to raise funds for Sewickley's "Light-Up Night."

■ Jack Norris was named to QV's school board to fill a vacancy.

■ Ali Sheikhabadi opened Bij Ali, a new salon on Beaver Street.

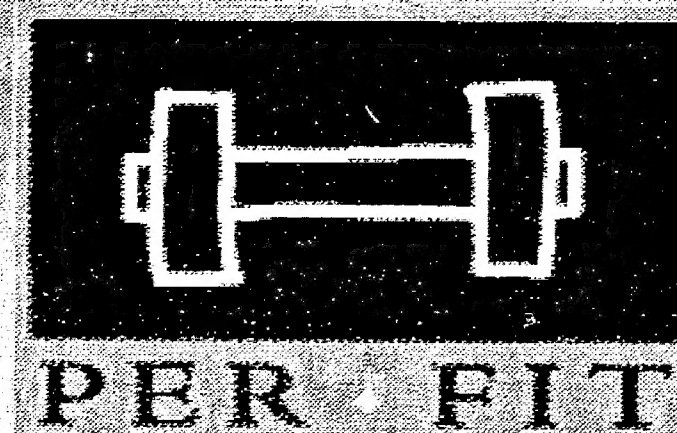
■ Sally Mae Richie, first black graduate of Sewickley Valley Hospital in 1955, died on Dec. 4.

■ Arthur "Tui" Coburn, patron of the arts and former president/treasurer of Sweetwater's board, died on Dec. 17.

■ Susan Stephens was murdered in her Bell Acres home.

■ The Rev. Donald Wilson died on Dec. 24.

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Thursday, January 13, 2005
 4:00pm-6:00pm

Chamber Office
 850 Beaver Grade Rd., Moon Twp., PA 15108
 Starting A Home Based Business
 Seating is limited for this program, so reservations are necessary.

Tuesday, January 18, 2005
 9:00am

Pittsburgh Technical Institute
 1111 McKee Rd., Oakdale, PA 15071
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Tuesday, January 18, 2005 - 9:00am-4:00pm

Chamber Office
 850 Beaver Grade Rd., Moon Twp., PA 15108
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Thursday, January 20, 2005
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 Planning Meeting for
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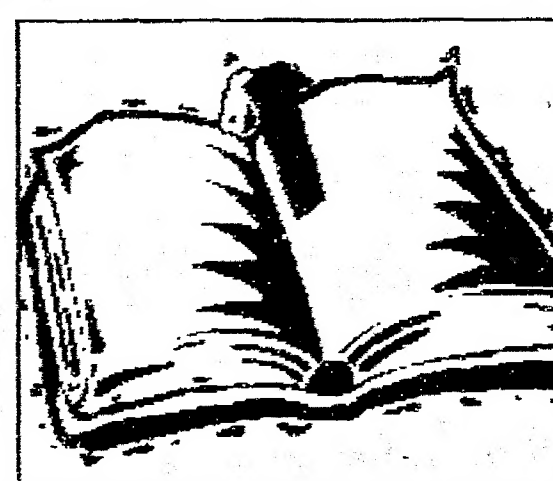
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SVHS welcomes guests to monthly programs

Sewickley Valley Historical Society continues its program schedule into the new year.

■ On Jan. 15, Scott B. Lang, author, will bring the story of "The Forgotten Charge: The 123rd Pennsylvania at Marye's Heights."

■ The Linden Place Apartments party room will be the setting for a presentation titled "Civil War Soldiers Monument 'Fame' in the Sewickley Cemetery" by Harton S. Semple on Feb. 22.



■ "Collecting and Preserving Rare and Scholarly Books and Papers" will bring John Schul-

ON THE CALENDAR

man, Caliban Book Shop, Pittsburgh, to Sewickley.

■ Albert M. Tannier of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation will be the guest speaker on April 27 to discuss "Henry Hobson Richardson and His Heirs."

■ The Annual Meeting of the

Historical Society on May 25 will feature the "Music of World War II" presented by Phillip D. Atteberry, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, Titusville.

To learn more about the society's programs, locations and times, call the historical society office, at 412-741-5315.

Mrs. B.G. Shields is executive director.

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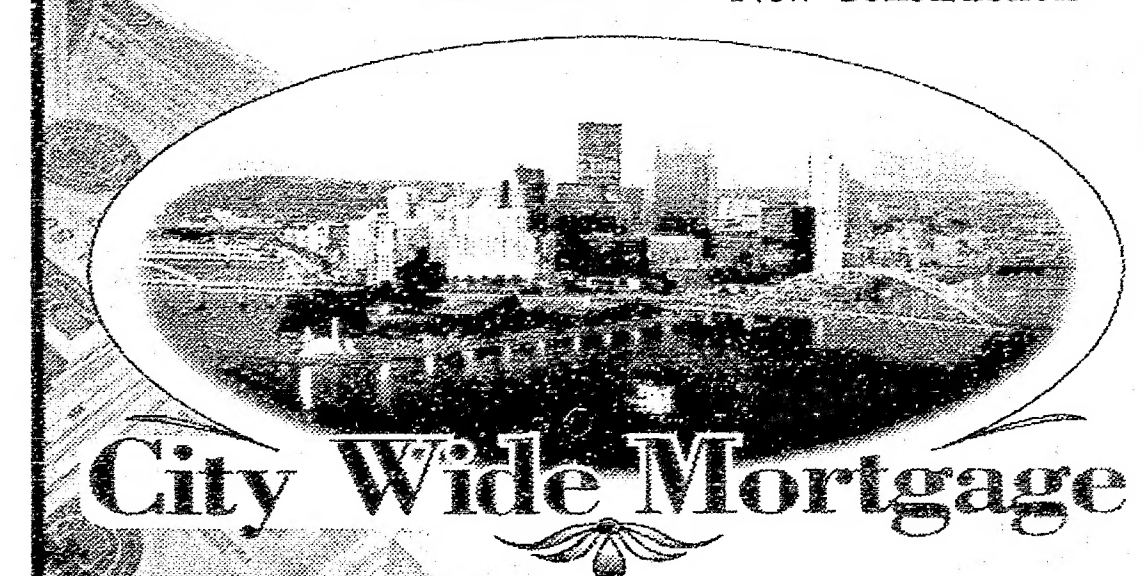
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Chamber organizes for Light-Up 2005

Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce invites local business owners and community volunteers to attend the Yuletide 2005 meeting Sunday, Jan. 12, at 8:30 a.m. at the Sewickley Cafe.

Each year, the chamber spends \$15,000 for the holiday event. In 2004, they collected \$16,000. The excess will be held over for this year.

Sewickley Borough spends approximately \$10,000 each year in overtime for police, borough workers and free parking.

The chamber is looking for volunteers for a holiday event committee.

Don Reinhardt, Cafe owner and past chamber president, will be on hand to offer advice.

UPCOMING

Family classes

For more information, call Camille Moulton, chamber co-president, at 412-741-7050

If you are expecting a baby, Heritage Valley Health System's maternity classes can help you and your family prepare.

Classes are being offered at Sewickley Valley Hospital (SVH) and The Medical Center, Beaver (TMC). They are free unless otherwise noted.

A three-part prenatal education series will be held on Jan. 12, 19, 26 from 7-9:30 p.m. at SVH in the 4th floor Conference Room, and on Jan. 10, 17, 24 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the TMC Conference Center.

A complete overview of labor and delivery, anesthesia options, postpartum care, newborn care, safety and nutrition will be presented, with a tour of the maternity center.

A two-part Lamaze class for expectant parents (or mother and a supportive guest) will be held Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at TMC.

A fee of \$65 per couple is charged for classes. Many health plans reimburse the fee.

Maternity center tours for expectant parents are scheduled for Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. at TMC.

To register for TMC programs, call 724-773-4636. To register for SVH programs, call 412-749-4270.

EDUCATION

Watson Institute sets new schedule

Watson Institute offers support group meetings throughout the school year to parents of children with special needs.

These programs are designed to provide an opportunity for parents and siblings touched by a child with special needs to share concerns, feelings, ideas, resources and other helpful information.

Meetings are free of charge and open to parents and siblings of students enrolled at Watson Institute, as well as the community at large.

Parents Together meets once a month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at The Education Center on Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1 and May 6.

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Autistic-Like Students focuses on specific issues facing families of children with autism and related development disorders.

Parents interested in learning about or sharing information about autism or a related disorder are encouraged to attend.

Meetings will be held monthly from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at The Education Center on Jan. 21, Feb. 25, March 18, April 22 and May 6.

The Evening Parent Support Group will be held from 7-8:15 p.m. at The Education Center.

Babysitting services are provided free of charge for the program, but reservations are required.

Scheduled meetings are Jan. 24 and March 21.

The Watson Institute also offers support group meetings to brothers and sisters of children (ages 5 and older) with special needs, as well as parents of these siblings.

The Sibling Support Group and the Sibling Parent Discussion Group meets four times throughout the school year from 7-8:15 p.m.

Babysitting by reservation is provided for children not participating.

Scheduled dates are Feb. 10 and April 14.

For more information, call Watson Institute at 412-741-1800.

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Village church luncheons back on the new year calendar

St. Matthews AME Zion Church, corner of Thorn and Walnut streets, will host its monthly luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Take-out is available.

On the menu are vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, Hoho cake and beverages.

The cost is \$6. All proceeds benefit the carpet fund.

The public is invited.

SUMC on Thursdays

The women of Sewickley United Methodist Church will host another Thursday luncheon

EVENTS

tomorrow.

On the menu are sloppy joes, macaroni & cheese, pasta salad buffet, brownies and ice cream, and beverage, all for \$6.

Lunches are served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Simpson Room.

Volunteers wanted

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals in Leetsdale and Sewickley.

Meals are picked up at St. James Catholic Church in Sewickley around 10:30 a.m., and the deliveries take about an hour.

There is one Leetsdale route, and one Sewickley route.

Drivers and deliverers can discuss scheduling with site manager, Audrey Hill, at 412-766-7763, week-day mornings.

First Church services

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, 222 Beaver St., Sewickley, holds its Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.

The Lesson-Sermon for Sunday, Jan. 9, is titled, "Sacrament" and will open with the quotation from Romans: "... it is written, as I live saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

Wednesday testimony meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.

Child care and parking are provided.

The Reading Room is open Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30-7:25 p.m.

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The Rev. Don Wilson, of Christ Church at Grove Farm

A memorial service was held on Dec. 31, 2004, at Christ Church at Grove Farm, for the Rev. Donald Wilson, 74, who died Dec. 24, 2004.

He was born in Sewickley on April 19, 1930, to the late Walter and Lillian Wilson.

The Rev. Wilson moved to Liverpool, England, in his childhood.

After returning to the states, he studied at Trinity Evangelical School for Ministry in Ambridge and was ordained in 1983.

That same year, he became an assistant to the Rev. John Guest at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He retired from the position in 1996.

He later joined the staff at Christ Church at Grove Farm, where Guest serves as pastor.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Olive "Betty" Wilson; and his children: Randolph Wilson; Andrew Wilson and wife Gilda; Lorraine Glenn; and Rebecca Mercer and husband Paul.

Also surviving are his grandchildren: Daniel and Christian Mercer; Trevor Wilson; and Zachary, Abby, Rachel and Natalie Wilson.

He also is survived by his siblings, Walter and John Wilson and Elsa Jardine.

IN MEMORY

Memorial contributions can be made to the Stephen's Purse c/o Christ Church at Grove Farm, 249 Duff Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

Diana Bruno QVSD bus driver

Diana (Barngrover) Bruno, 51, of Sewickley for the past 29 years, formerly of Sewickley Hills, passed away at her home surrounded by her family on Dec. 27, 2004.

Mrs. Bruno was a bus driver for 15 and 1/2 years for the Quaker Valley School District and a member of Fairmount Presbyterian Church.

She will be remembered as a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. She will be held in our hearts.

She is survived by her loving husband of 29 years: Victor P. Bruno; her parents, Doris (Fleming) and Robert V. Barngrover of Sewickley Hills; her two loving children: Vivki Shaughnessy and husband Henry of Coraopolis and Robert V. Bruno of Sewickley; and her

granddaughter, Gillian Diana Shaughnessy.

Also surviving are her two sisters, Barbara Aughinbaugh and husband Gerry of Leetsdale; Brenda Kovacs and husband Peter of Sewickley; her brother, David Barngrover and wife Lee of Ambridge; and many nieces and nephews.

A service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sewickley.

Burial was in Sewickley Cemetery.

Memorials in her name may be made to the American Cancer Society or Relay for Life.

Copeland's Sewickley handled the arrangements.

Floyd Villella Husband, father

Floyd A. Villella died Dec. 29, 2004, at his home in Sewickley.

He was the husband of Kathryn M. Davis and father of Dominic of Cannonsburg, Pa.

He also is survived by two brothers, Basil of Moon Township and Ross J. of Sewickley; a sister, Rose Maletto of Lower Burrell, Pa.; and two grandchildren, Anthony and Jessica Villella.

Mr. Villella was preceded in

death by his parents, Joseph and Liza Flora Villella; a sister, Mary Russo; and two brothers, Nicola and Dominic Villella.

A private interment was held in St. James Cemetery, Sewickley.

Contributions may be made to Forbes Hospice 2139 Broadhead Road, Aliquippa, Pa. 15001.

Arrangements were handled by the Richard D. Cole Funeral Home Inc., Sewickley.

George Church Pa. Conservationist

George T. Church Jr., 82, of Ligonier, died Dec. 23, 2004, at his home.

He was born July 4, 1922, in Butler, Pa., a son of the late George T. and Vera Gerner Church Sr.

Prior to his retirement in 1980, he had been employed as a land manager by the Pennsylvania Game Commission for several counties.

He dedicated his life and career to the conservation of wildlife and natural resources.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II having served in the Pacific Theatre.

He was a member of St. James Evangelical Lutheran

Church, the USLST Association and was an official measurer for the Boone and Crockett Club.

He was also a member of the National Wildlife Federation, the Loyalhanna Watershed Association, New Castle Lodge F&AM, Pittsburgh Consistory, and was a 50-year member of Syria Shrine.

He is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Thomas and her husband David of Sewickley; a son, Paul G. Church of Ligonier; and five grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Muriel Klin-zing Church, on Jan. 7, 2004, and a sister, Vera Echment.

The Ligonier Valley Veteran's Honor Guard presented full military honors following the service at St. James Evangelical Church in Ligonier.

Interment was in Ligonier Valley Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Loyalhanna Watershed Association or to Westmoreland Hospice.

To send condolences to the family or to sign the online register book, visit www.jpaulmccrackenfuneralchapel.com.

SUPPORT

Care for those who mourn

The monthly Bereavement Support Group, sponsored by Sewickley Valley Hospital, has changed its meeting place to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Washington and Logan streets, Sewickley.

The group meets every third Tuesday of the month, from 7-8:30 p.m., and welcomes those who have suffered the loss of a family member or friend.

Members are welcome to

come every month, or from time to time, as needed.

Information can be obtained from the chaplain's office at Sewickley Valley Hospital, 412-741-6600. (The group had previously met at St. Andrew's Presbyterian.)

It is anticipated the hospital also will offer a new series of bereavement groups, which will meet for six-week intervals four times throughout the year.

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Batteries have run down on mechanical toys and children, as well as adults will spend a lot of time now mastering the fine new points of their computers.

Most of the Christmas candy and nuts have been eaten. Moms have been busy for several days cleaning the house and trying to vacuum small particles of Christmas droppings from the rugs.

The holidays for many families was a joyous season, but for many, especially the unemployed bread winner, things were bleak.

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SPORTS IN REVIEW

Great Sewickley sports moments chronicled

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Following is a continuation of Sewickley area sports highlights from 2004:

Track and Field

The Quaker Valley Girls' Track Team finished third at the 2004 PIAA Track and Field Championships.

Jasmine Rogers broke the PIAA girls' 100-meter hurdles record with a time of 14.37. She also brought home a gold medal in the 100-meter sprint with a time of 12.36.

The QV girls' 400-relay team: Cheronda Craig, Claire Shorall, Katia Kimbrough and Rogers, earned a silver medal.

The QV girls' 3200-relay team: Katie Rodgers, Erin Correa, Shorall and Julie Dickhans, came in third and set a school record with a time of 9:32.

For the QV boys' team, Zach Thomas broke a school record in the 3200 with a time of 9:32, placing sixth.

■ In WPIALS, QV finished first in the 800-meter relay.

Rogers finished first in the 100-meter dash and the 100-meter hurdles.

Julie Dickhans finished second in the 1600-meter run.

Zach Thomas finished second in the 3200-meter run.

Sarah Sutherland, SA, finished third in the 100-meter dash.

Rodgers finished third in the 3200-meter run.

Maggie Sutherland, SA, finished third in the high jump.

Lacrosse

Marisa Lozano and Lauren Ahearn of SA were named to the 2004 US Lacrosse Girls' High School

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Village of Champions

THE QUAKER Valley Girls' Tennis Team (top) celebrates its first WPIAL Class AA Team championship at North Allegheny High School. A Sewickley Academy Panther (left) goes on the offensive against the Quakers earlier this season. Lesh Thomas (right), QV senior, participates in the hurdles at the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships. The Lady Quakers boast a slew of top placements in regional and state-wide championships.

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SPORTS IN REVIEW

Lady Quakers claim WPIAL gold

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All-American Team.

Mehgan Wilcox and Meredith McNamara of QV and Tyneisha Harris of SA were given honorable mentions.

Boys' Tennis

The Sewickley Academy Boys Tennis team claimed the WPIAL AA gold by a landslide 5-0 victory against QV.

First off the court with a 6-0, 6-0 victory was Sewickley's Evan Stiegel.

Paul Del Presto and Benji Greenberger defeated Carter Powell and Seth Baumwell 6-2, 6-2.

Trevor Heck defeated Ben Kroeck in the third singles match 6-0, 6-0.

Eric Mozur and Jeff Mozur defeated A.J. Baumwell and Tom Edwards 6-2, 6-4.



THE QUAKER Valley Girls Cross Country Team celebrates a fourth-consecutive WPIAL gold at Slippery Rock University. Lucy Gross led the Quakers, finishing 17th overall and registering a run time of 21:49.

Archive photo

■ Zack Skorupka, SA sophomore, won the 2004 WPIAL singles championship when he defeated South Park's Dan Gal 7-5, 1-6, 6-2.

Rick Houghton, QV, took third place in WPIAL singles.

Girls' Tennis

Annie Houghton, QV sophomore and Sewickley Herald's 'Gold' Athlete of the Year, defeated Alexandra Kaluza 7-1, 6-4, 7-6 (TB 4) to claim the PIAA AA Singles Championship.

Houghton also dominated the WPIAL singles for the second consecutive year.

■ The Quaker Valley Girls' Tennis team claimed the 2004 WPIAL Section 7 AA Team gold.

Annie Houghton defeated Beaver's Kristy Borza 6-3, 6-2. Ashley McMasters and Danielle Piccolo won 7-5, 6-2. Sarah Richman.

Molly Findley won 6-1, 6-2. Carrilee Powell and Brittany Hulings defeated Beaver's second doubles team to wrap up a 4-1 victory after a hard-fought 7-6, 7-6 match they won in 7-3, 9-7 in overtime.

Sophomore Lucy Gross led the Quakers to victory, coming in 17th overall and registering a 21:49.

Gross' teammates were not far behind, leaving only a 35-second spread from Gross to QV's sixth runner, Claire

■ Emily Urda of Sewickley Academy took the WPIAL singles silver.

Sarah Richman, QV, won the



consolation match for the bronze.

Cross Country

Zach Thomas broke a 35-year-old Quaker Valley 2-mile record of 9:37.

Thomas ran a 9:30 flat during the Baldwin Invitational.

He ran a 9:38 3200 for QV at the WPIAL championships.

■ The Quaker Valley Girls' Cross Country Team brought home a WPIAL gold from Slippery Rock for the fourth consecutive year.

Sophomore Lucy Gross led the Quakers to victory, coming in 17th overall and registering a 21:49.

Gross' teammates were not far behind, leaving only a 35-second spread from Gross to QV's sixth runner, Claire

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HOME OF THE WEEK



Great space welcomes large family

This classically-influenced three-story Colonial is one of Sewickley's grand old homes.

It is located on Thorn Street in the heart of the Village. Thorn Street is an active street with beautiful Colonial and Victorian homes.

The property is two blocks from Sewickley Academy, near the Edgeworth Club, Quaker Valley schools and the Sewickley Valley YMCA.

This distinctive residence was engineered for gracious living. The detailing is abundant, the ceilings are high and the rooms are spacious.

There are four bedrooms and 2.5 baths. The walls are plaster and most floors are hardwood. The home is stucco and has a new roof. The windows are large, and there is a wonderful front porch.

The parlour is 18' x 13' and

has a fully functional wood-burning fireplace. This is a very comfortable room. It could be used as a living room, family room, library or study.

The living room is 15' x 16', has wide moldings and a decorative fireplace.

There is an attached screened-in porch that overlooks the back yard and adds charm to the floor plan.

The dining room is 17' x 16' with a chair rail and decorative fireplace. This spacious room will hold a considerable amount of furniture and still allow for smooth traffic pattern. This room would be wonderful for holiday entertaining.

The kitchen includes a work area and a breakfast space. The appliances and flooring need to be upgraded; however, the new owner could make good use of this kitchen as is or

choose to expand and fully modernize it.

The sliding glass doors in the kitchen lead out to a very large deck, overlooking a wooded back yard. The trees afford privacy and seclusion.

This yard could also be redesigned to have multiple rock gardens, stone pathways, and various flower groupings.

The second floor has four rooms. Currently, three of the rooms are used as bedrooms and one is an upstairs den. There are two full baths on this floor.

The third floor has a bedroom and a room which could be used as a walk-in closet.

This home is being offered at \$435,000.

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Who's buying, who's selling

Aleppo — Robert Gurecka sold property at 102 Shady Lake Drive to David and Dorothy Tuel for \$157,000.

Edgeworth — Barry Rowland sold property at 521 East Drive Ext. to National Residential Nominee Services for \$711,000.

National Residential Nominee Services Inc sold property at 521 East Drive Ext. to Mark and Judith Scioscia

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for \$665,000.

Sylvia Zelekovitz sold property at 438 Maple Lane to John and Marian Alverson for \$317,200.

Patrick Gmitter sold property at 427 Meadow Lane to Arthur Coburn III and

Ann Coburn for \$615,000.

Leet — Dorothy Andreas Floro sold property at 104 Spenser Lane to Aaron Grand for \$537,500.

Leetsdale — Thomas Marroni sold property at 32 Ohio River Blvd. to Robert Piltz et al. and Deborah Piltz for \$35,000.

Osborne — Paul Youngworth sold property at 401 Lantern Lane to Elizabeth Evans for \$160,000.

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Minnesota trustee sold property at 14 Gray Lane to Rebecca Weliczko for \$40,000.


James O'Connell sold property at 825 Maple Lane to Christopher and Jennifer Popovic for \$137,000.


Sewickley Hills — Albert Rudnickas sold property at 113 Parkview Lane to Sandra Cook for \$505,000.


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LEET TOWNSHIP

 Spacious brick Cape Cod situated on a large lot with woods only minutes from Sewickley Village. This home offers a living room with a fireplace, 2 bedrooms on the main level and 2 additional bedrooms on the second level. There are 1.5 baths. Integral garage. Beautiful, peaceful setting with lots of room to expand. \$150,000.


ALEPPO TOWNSHIP

 Wonderfully attractive townhome in "Sewickley Heights Manor". This unit is light and bright with updated and well equipped eat-in kitchen with a large window. There is also a spacious living room with a fireplace and a dining room area plus a powder room on the main level. The second floor offers 3 bedrooms and a full bath. There is a rear patio and a 2 car integral garage. \$144,000.


EDGEWORTH

 One of the finest homes in the Sewickley area, this home is situated on a lovely wooded lot which provides seclusion as well as breathtaking views. This exceptional 6 bedroom home boasts the finest in modern amenities. The 4 baths and kitchen have all been finished with an eye to detail and top-of-the-line fixtures. The floor plan allows for elegant entertaining as well as large, informal gatherings. Call for more details or to arrange for a private showing. \$660,000.


SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS

 Located in a secluded area of the Heights, this handsome estate home is situated on a level 5 acre lot dotted with mature trees and lots of perennials. Both formal and informal, this house is superb, boasting over 8,000 sq. ft. of living space with exquisite detailing, vaulted ceilings, marble, hardwood and lots of built-ins. There are fireplaces in the living room, family room and den. A large game room finishes off the lower level. There are 4 spacious bedrooms, 4 full and 2 half baths, 3 car integral garage. \$1,290,000.

SEWICKLEY

 This handsome Village home offers a wonderful location as well as many beautiful updates. Features include a new kitchen with granite countertops, new baths and beautiful hardwood floors. There is a first floor master suite with a walk-in closet. Two additional bedrooms and baths on the second floor plus a loft area. The family room which is adjacent to the kitchen features a cathedral ceiling and opens to a private patio. There is a lower level game room with a fireplace and loads of storage. \$309,500.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP

 This stunning townhome is located in "Sewickley Heights Manor" and has been completely renovated including a new kitchen with granite countertops, new baths and beautiful hardwood floors. There is a first floor master suite with a walk-in closet. Two additional bedrooms and baths on the second floor plus a loft area. The family room which is adjacent to the kitchen features a cathedral ceiling and opens to a private patio. There is a lower level game room with a fireplace and loads of storage. \$309,500.

BELL ACRES

 "Charleston Square" This wonderful new neighborhood is located just minutes from Sewickley Village and features expansive lots with 200' frontage and a minimum of 2 acres. Custom builders include Bachman Builders, William Minton and Sons and Handollust, Inc. Three homes are presently occupied and 2 models are available. Dir.: N. on Beaver Rd., R. Campmeeting Rd. to L. into Charleston Square.

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 Outstanding brick Victorian located in the heart of the Village features 5 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. This home also offers an updated kitchen, second floor laundry, hardwood floors and fine details throughout. Careful renovations and updates enhance the overall appeal of this fine home. Beautiful, double lot and detached garage. \$499,000.

EDGEWORTH

 Beautifully updated two story home in a peaceful Village location along a pretty tree-lined street. This home features a large living room with a fireplace and built-ins, a formal dining room, eat-in kitchen and family room. The second floor offers 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths which have been updated. There is also a rear patio and a detached garage. Deep level lot. \$434,000.



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DESIGN OF THE WEEK

Del Mar plan features light, great open space

A bright and spacious family room with a two-story-high ceiling is at the heart of the Del Mar.

The back of this room has more windows than walls, and one section slides open to access a wide screened porch.

The lofty ceiling begins in the entry and extends over the stairway that separates the foyer from the family room.

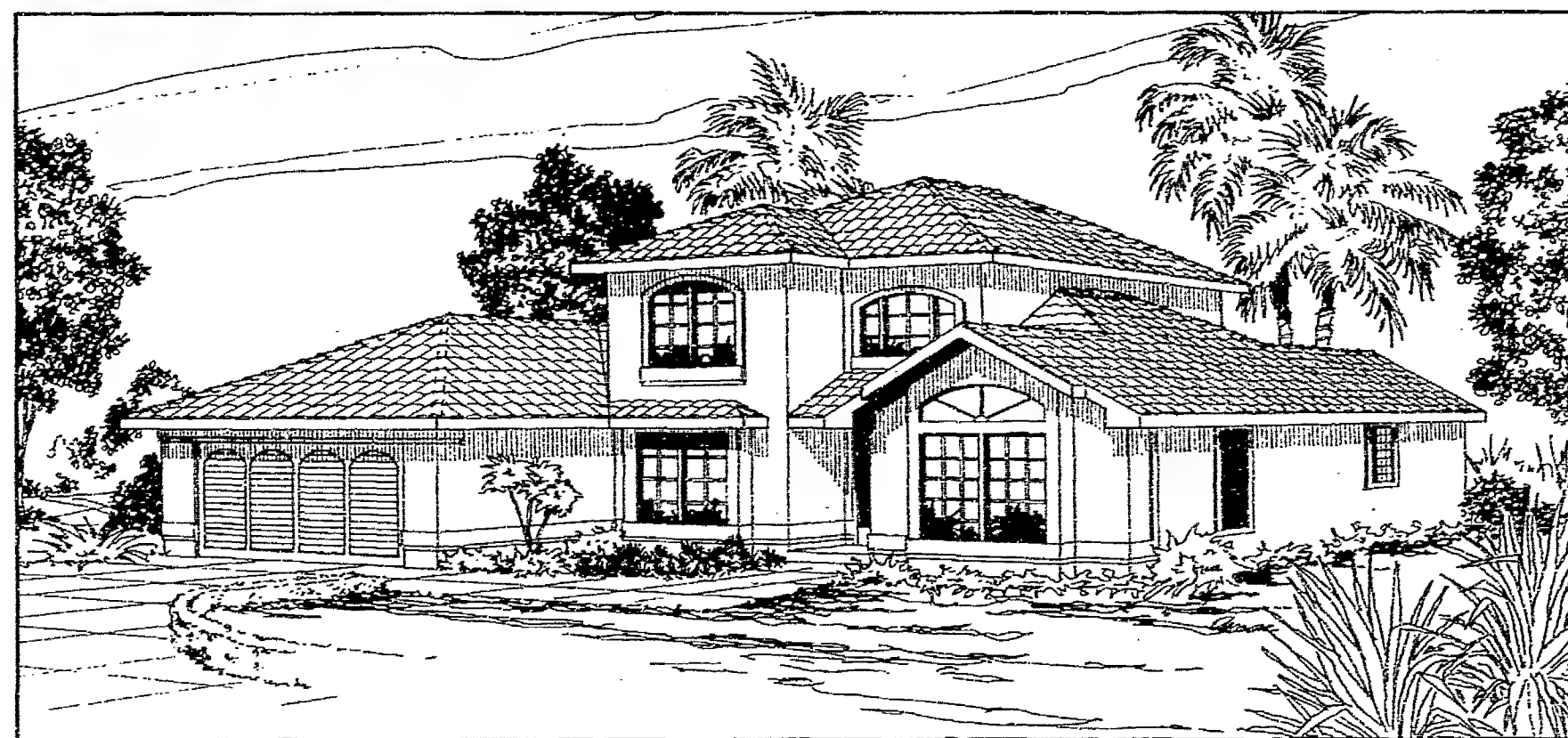
Arched clerestory windows in both the front and rear of the house bathe this voluminous space in natural light.

The dining room and parlor have standard-height ceilings. The family room is visible from the front upper landing.

Two bedrooms, a bathroom and a linen closet are on the second level, but the master suite is on the ground floor.

Families without children can forget about the upper level most of the time, reserving it for grandchildren and other guests.

A closet is under the stairway.



In the kitchen, a wrap-around work island/eating bar with built-in range and vegetable sink provides extra counter space.

African violets and other flowering plants will love the light in front of the corner sink.

Dishwasher, oven and microwave are conveniently placed, and utilities are just a few steps away, in a pass-through room with garage access.

The two-car garage has storage space and a small workbench.

Luxuries in the Del Mar's master suite include a large walk-in closet and a private bathroom with twin lavs, oversized shower and enclosed water closet.

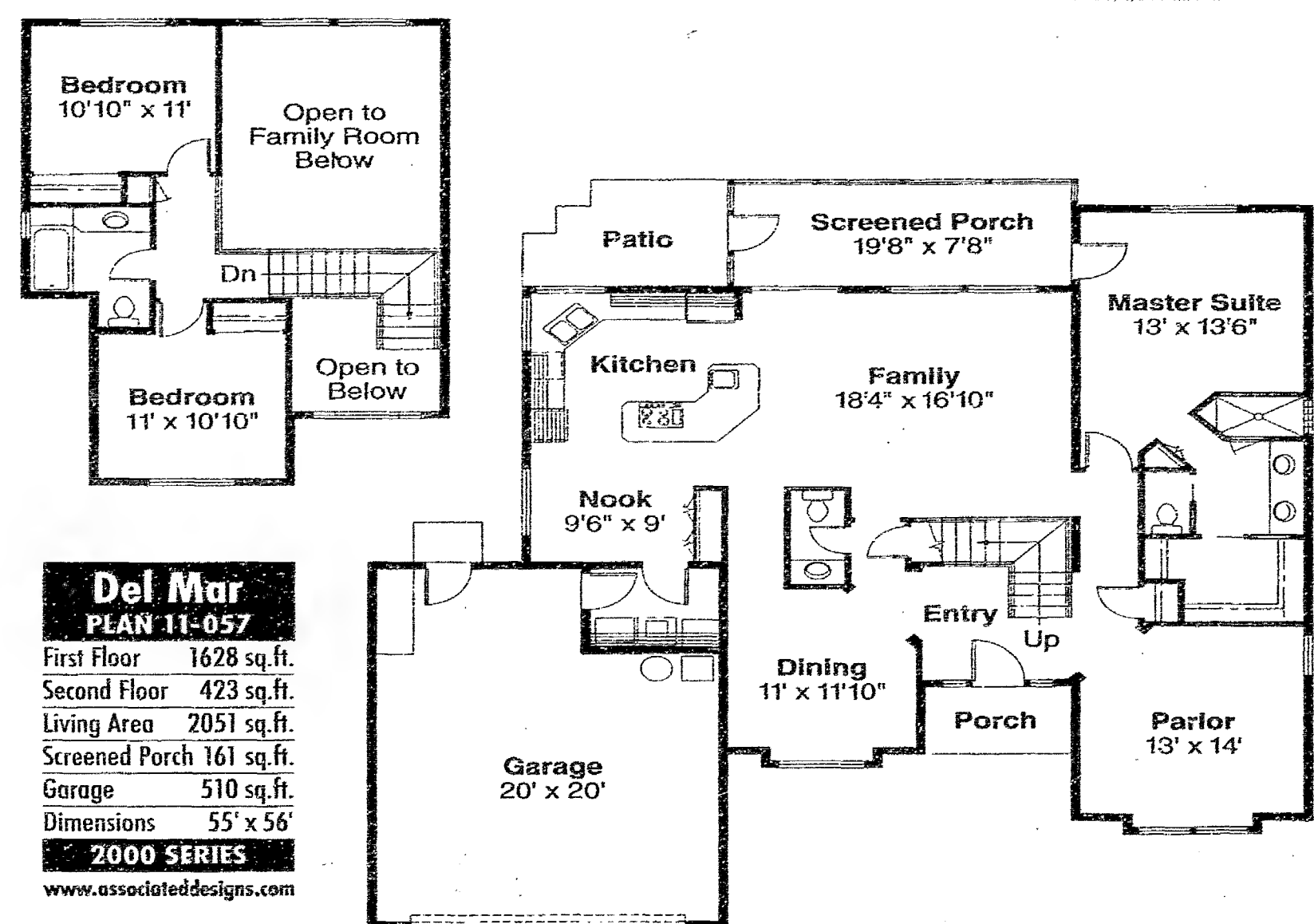
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\$465,500 Dawnelle Shrawder



Great brick Victorian with slate roof, 3-car garage, fenced back yard, covered screened back porch, updated furnace, central air and master bedroom with walk-in closet.
\$274,900 Dawnelle Shrawder



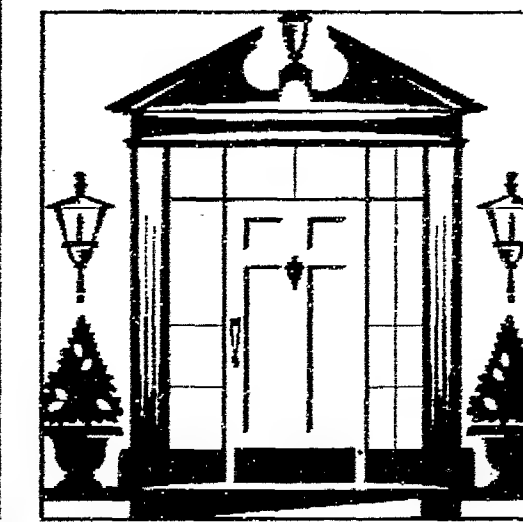
Come home to this custom brick home w/ open floor plan, 4 BR+ 3rd floor bonus room and 3.5 baths. Two story foyer w/ grand staircase, gourmet kitc. w/ large island, granite countertops & built-in pantry. New construction.
\$559,900 Kim Chickini



Move right into this immaculate updated 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home. Featuring a 1st floor den and laundry, refinished hardwood floors and a deck overlooking a nice yard with full court basketball.
\$224,000 Joe Lada



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IMMACULATE RANCH NEW LISTING Wonderful maintained yellow brick ranch with a new roof, deck and walkways. Large open living room/dining room with spacious eat-in kitchen. Three bedrooms with huge closets and 1.5 baths. Plaster walls and meticulously maintained hardwood floors. Updated plumbing. Garage and level back yard in a very nice neighborhood. A true gem waiting to be yours. Guen Larson 412-741-2200 \$102,500	NESTLED COTTAGE NEW LISTING Secluded on nearly an acre, surrounded by trees and seclusion, this three bedroom cottage with 1.5 baths enjoys the best in country living. Wonderful new interior including a huge new gathering kitchen with dining area, bright open spaces, new flooring, new bathroom, fresh walls and wood trim, a new furnace and new roof. One bedroom on the main level and two on the second level. Wonderful front porch for relaxation, above ground pool, shed and tractor. Minutes to the village and located with country charm. Meagan Moore 412-741-2200 \$144,900	EDGEWORTH NEW CONSTRUCTION NEW LISTING New construction in the Village. Enjoy this new home with a huge great room with a fireplace and spacious gathering kitchen. Main level bedroom plus two more bedrooms on the second level. Two bathrooms, hardwood floors, ceramic tile floors and wall to wall carpeting. Two car garage. A great opportunity for a new home in the heart of Edgeworth. Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$249,500
SEWICKLEY VILLAGE NEW LISTING Beautiful brick three-story colonial in the heart of the Village. Large welcoming entry with open stairway, formal living room with fireplace, oversized dining room with original Arts and Crafts mantle piece, butler's pantry and equipped kitchen. Four spacious bedrooms, two with bright bay windows, and ample closets. Wonderful carved woodwork, large front porch, and off-street parking are added amenities. Central to shopping, the YMCA and the hospital. Call for all the details. Mary O'Neil 412-741-2200 \$275,000	152 DICKSON AVENUE OPEN SUN 1-4 Incredible original details from the paneled foyer with a fireplace and seating to the stained glass windows, carved oak staircase, hardwood floors, pocket doors, built-in bay window and grand front porch. With a formal living room and dining room the modern kitchen opens to the family room. New sun room that captures the yard and accesses the attached garage. Second level with four generous bedrooms including the master bedroom with a private bath. Third floor with two additional bedrooms. An architectural masterpiece, this brick Victorian fits the style of today. Kay Caravaggio 412-741-2200 \$329,000	IDEAL COLONIAL NEW LISTING Towering two-story entry greets you in this beautiful, five year old brick colonial. Formal living room and dining room with equipped kitchen adjacent to the family room with built-ins and a fireplace. New main level vaulted ceiling den/office. Four bedrooms on the second level including a luxurious master suite with double closets, built-ins and spa-like bathroom. Finished lower level and rear deck. Spacious double lot with space for gardening and relaxation. Minutes to the Village. Kathe Barge 412-741-2200 \$385,000
112 SEWICKLEY RIDGE CIRCLE OPEN SUN 1-4 Quality greets you at the door of this quietly elegant two-story designed for today's living. Two-story entry with open stairway, formal dining room in fresh, mellow colors, center island professional kitchen, plus a breakfast room, and a lowering and room with impressive fireplace. Convenient elevator to ease the day. Main level master bedroom suite with spa-like bathroom. Two additional bedrooms, each with a private bath, flank the spacious entertainment loft on the second level. Finished lower level ready for multiple uses. Oversized 2-car garage. Pool and tennis courts are an added reward in this community. Call today for a private tour. Carroll Ferguson 412-741-2200 \$399,000	COUNTRY COTTAGE NEW LISTING Conveniently located on eight plus acres this two-story, partially stone, cottage offers wonderful amenities. Tantalizingly renovated with an entry to the light flooded living room with a fireplace and hardwood floors, formal dining room with hardwood floors, a beautiful view of the grounds, a new kitchen with breakfast area, and a den round out the main level. Four bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. Garage and beautiful, mature grounds. Enjoy the peace of the countryside while living within minutes of I-79, I-279 and Sewickley village. Call today for all the details. Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$399,500	313 SEWICKLEY RIDGE DRIVE OPEN SUN 1-4 Immaculate, bright, neutral and spacious three-year old Colonial with entry and powder room, cathedral ceiling great room with beautiful fireplace and French doors to the deck. Formal dining room with crown molding and chair rail. Fully equipped white, center island, gourmet kitchen. Master bedroom on this main level with lavish bathroom and walk-in closets. Hardwood, tile and wall-to-wall carpet. Lower level family room with fireplace, three bright bedrooms, two bathrooms and an office. Two-car attached garage. Amenities abound to the best in today's lifestyles. Tennis courts, pool and ground maintenance. Linda Taylor 412-741-2200 \$475,000
325 FREDERICK AVENUE OPEN SUN 1-4 Sensitively remodeled and updated Victorian in heart of Sewickley's village. Great welcoming entry with a bright living room with mantle and formal dining room with mantle. Nicely designed kitchen and powder room. Den on this level with deck for relaxation. New master bedroom suite with lavish master bathroom with tub and separate shower, double sinks and walk-in closet. Additional new bath on the second level with two bedrooms and a third floor with two bedrooms and a bathroom. A wonderful value and location for all the village amenities. Kathe Barge 412-741-2200 \$499,000	GRAND VILLAGE COLONIAL Magnificent three story brick Colonial in the heart of Sewickley with welcoming front porch and grand entry hall with an open stairway and leaded glass pained window, loaded with architectural detail, formal drawing room, dining room and spacious family kitchen with every amenity. Up to seven wonderful bedroom spaces and 3+2 new bathrooms. Beautiful mantles, hardwood floors and wood molding detail. Enjoy the grandeur of this well maintained home, central to all that defines great Village living. Angie Haskell 412-741-2200 \$675,000	SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS TRANQUILITY CHRISTIE'S GREAT ESTATES Custom brick and cedar masterpiece downsized on over 7 acres incorporating the natural beauty of the setting into every living space. Four generous bedrooms, each with its own bath, including the master suite with the adjacent library/den with black walnut built-in. A glass walled great room with its soaring ceiling and fireplace, professional, open, eat-in kitchen, lower level family room with fireplace and game area, and second level office/studio. Limitless vistas from the patios, porches and decks. A treasure loaded with amenities, unique quality and exquisite detail. Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$995,000

Quality of life issues top 2004

Bills promoting economic stability, job creation and quality of life issues headlined the list of legislative accomplishments during 2004, according to state Sen. John Pippy.

SENATE VIEW

"We passed many key pieces of legislation including bills that increased environmental protections, improved health care, promoted responsible government, and helped the City of Pittsburgh avoid bankruptcy," Pippy said.

Pippy helped ensure passage of several bills designed to help Pittsburgh move beyond its current crisis.

The package includes a number of interlocking economic actions that generate revenue and reduce Pittsburgh's expenses, which will stabilize the city's budget in the short term and set the stage for it to realize economic growth.

Beyond the work to assist Pittsburgh and its suburban neighbors, job creation and economic development remained at the top of his legislative priorities in 2004.

"One of the key elements of the statewide economic development fund created by Act 71 is a \$150 million allocation to reduce the debt at the air-

port," Pippy said.

"By reducing the debt burden, costs-per-passenger can be cut and the airport will be in a better position to attract other air carriers should US Airways curtail its operations in Pittsburgh."

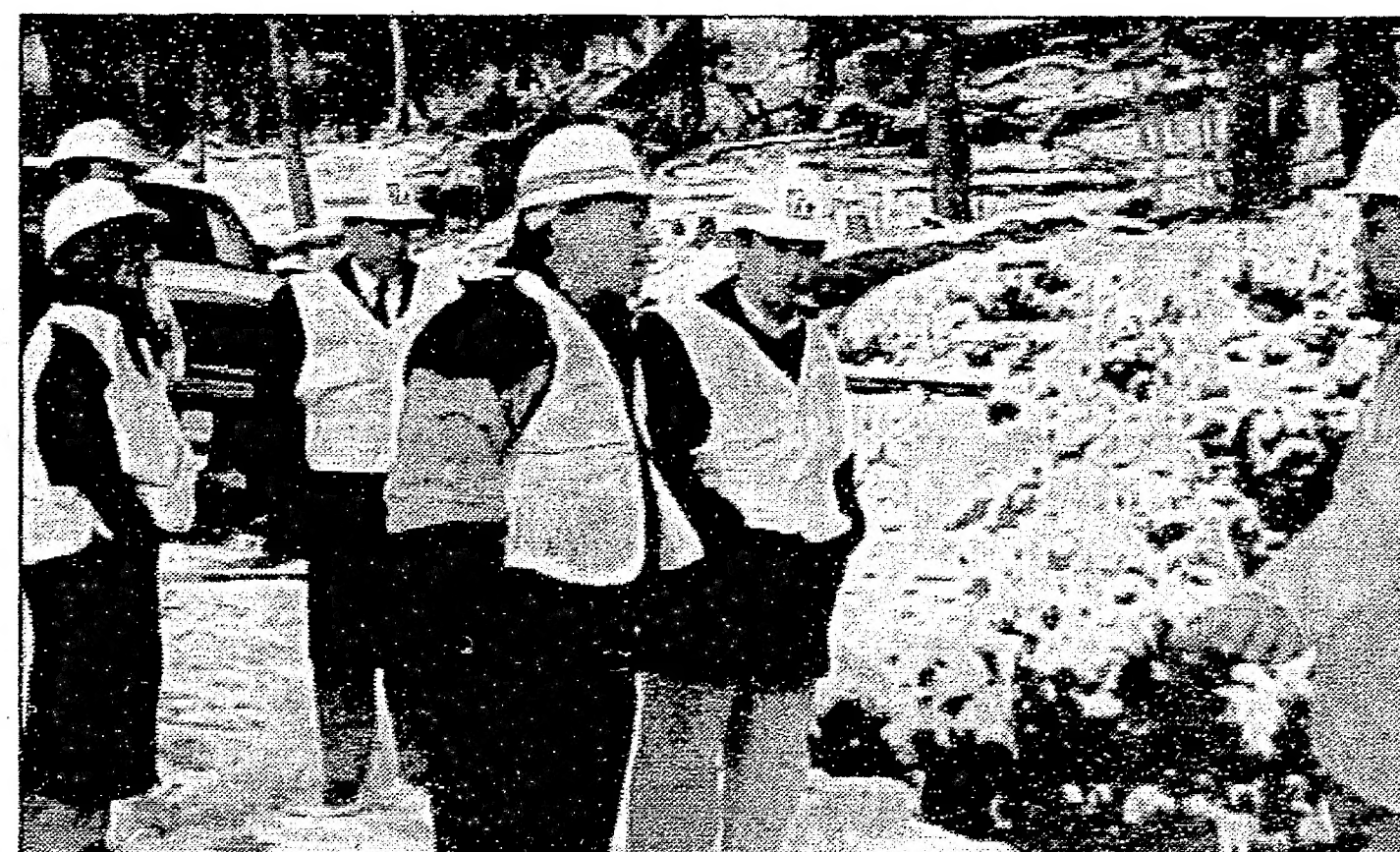
His efforts to promote economic development and job creation also included sponsorship of Senate Bill 1190, which rewards employers who hire qualified former welfare recipients.

Also, in November, Gov. Rendell signed into law a bill introduced by Pippy that formally recognized the Pennsylvania Senior Environment Corps, a senior citizens' organization involved in environmental protection efforts.

Renewed state support for other quality of life issues and programs were also key elements of the \$22.8 billion state budget supported by Pippy, including substantial increases in education funding, a two percent (\$36 million) COLA for mental health and drug and alcohol rehabilitation workers, and an additional \$8.5 million for mass transit services.

The budget also added \$5.3 million in funding to Pennsylvania's libraries on top of the \$4.7 million requested by the governor.

PROGRESS REPORT



REP. MARK Mustio gets tour of the Mt. Nebo Road project in Ohio Township in mid-December. Because of shortened bid award process negotiated through Mustio and Sen. John Pippy's office with PennDOT, the contractor was able to meet the end of the year completion date on this portion of the roadway. The road impacts the lives of 14,000 people daily in both Ohio Township and a large portion of southwestern Pennsylvania. PennDOT's project completion deadline is Jan. 31 (weather permitting). For the latest Mt. Nebo construction updates and onsite photos, visit the legislator's Web site at www.repmustio.com.

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Investments	430,628
Other Revenue Receivable	21,035
Delinquent and Liened Real Estate Taxes	
Receivable	100,216
Amts. to be Prov. for Retirement of Gen.	81,827
Long Term Debt - Future Taxation	554,268
Fixed Assets	
Total Assets	\$1,322,055

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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 49,926
Deferred Revenue	100,216
Payroll Payable	5,981
Payroll Taxes and Other Payroll Withholding	150
Compensated Absences Payable	17,848
Other Liabilities	153,234
Notes Payable	63,979
Total Liabilities	391,334
Fund Equity	
Investment in General Fixed Assets	554,268
Fund Balances - Reserved	478,827
Fund Balances - Unreserved	(102,434)
Total Fund Equity	930,721
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$1,322,055

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY -
ALL FUND TYPES - YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

Revenues and Other Financing Sources

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 444,054
Other Taxes	279,545
Licenses and Permits	8,063
Fines and Forfeits	10,878
Interest, Rents and Royalties	1,595
Intergovernmental	70,520
Charges for Services	100,667
Miscellaneous	125,934
Other Financing Sources	43,941
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	1,085,197
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	
Governmental	242,668
Public Safety	566,076
Public Works	271,479
Debt Service	21,983
Miscellaneous	43,950
Other Financing Uses	22,956
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	1,169,112
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(103,915)
Fund Equity - January 1, 2003	480,368
Fund Equity - December 31, 2003	376,453

NOTES PAYABLE

At December 31, 2003, the Township of Aleppo had general obligation notes payable consisting of:

Series 2000; interest rate 5.85% - outstanding	\$ 6,700
Series 2002; interest rate 4.75% - outstanding	\$ 22,066
Series 2003; interest rate 2.75% - outstanding	\$ 35,213
	\$ 63,979

ASSESSED VALUATION - The assessed valuation of the taxable property in the Township of Aleppo for the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$113,829,710.

NOTICE OF AUDITOR'S REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

The above concise financial statements were prepared to comply with the Township Code and consequently do not conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

HOSACK, SPECHT, MUSTZEL & WOOD LLP

(564 1-5-05, 1T)

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FAYETTE

The following is a schedule of public meetings to be held by the North Fayette Township Board of Supervisors and the appointed Commissions, Boards and Authorities for the Township during the calendar year 2005.

Board of Supervisors: Regular monthly meetings held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Workshop Meeting held the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Board: Regular monthly meeting held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the North Fayette Township Municipal Building.

Planning Commission: Regular monthly meeting held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the North Fayette Township Municipal Building.

Transportation Authority: Regular quarterly meeting held the 4th Wednesday of January, April, July and October at 7:00 p.m. at the North Fayette Township Municipal Building.

Zoning Hearing Board: Meets as required at 7:30 p.m. at the North Fayette Township Municipal Building.

All meetings will be held at the North Fayette Township Municipal Building located at 400 North Branch Road, Oakdale, PA 15071.

Western Allegheny County Municipal Authority: Regular monthly meeting held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Water Authority Building located at 403 Virginia Drive, Oakdale, PA 15071.

All meetings are open to the public.

Robert T. Grimm
Township Manager

(662 1-5-05, 1T)

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough of Sewickley Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 17, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 601 Thern Street, Sewickley, Pennsylvania for the following:

The consideration of an amendment change to the Borough of Sewickley Ordinances. The proposed change is to create an ordinance of the Borough of Sewickley, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, establishing stormwater management rules and regulations.

Copies of these plans will be available for public review in the Borough Manager's office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Borough of Sewickley
Kevin M. Flannery
Borough Manager/Secretary

(869 1-5, 1-12-05, 2T)

LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

The Aleppo Township Board of Commissioners invite residents of the Township to make application for vacancies on the following Boards, Commission, Authority:

1 Vacancy - Planning Commission - Term 1-1-05 - 12-31-08
1 Vacancy - Aleppo Township Authority - Term 1-1-05 - 12-31-09
1 Vacancy - Zoning Hearing Board - Term 1-1-05 - 12-31-07

Resumes will be accepted up to 3:00 P.M. on January 10, 2005.

Martha B. Rogers
Township Secretary

(871 1-5-05, 1T)

**LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF
EDGEWORTH
Allegheny County,
Pennsylvania**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgeworth at its regular monthly meeting on January 18, 2005 at 8:00 P.M., at the Borough Building, 301 Beaver Road, Edgeworth, PA 15143, intends to adopt an ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Fixing the Compensation of the Tax Collector. The Ordinance sets the annual compensation of the Tax Collector at \$4,500.00, plus certain expenses, and authorizes delegation of duties. The full text of the Ordinance may be examined by any person prior to its adoption at the Borough Building during regular business hours at no charge, and copies are available at the cost thereof.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH
Martin C. McDaniel
Manager

(863 1-5-05, 1T)

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on 1/27/05 at 11:00 A.M. at:

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(875 1-5, 1-12-05, 2T)

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING NOTICE

The Findlay Township Board of Supervisors will hold their Caucus Meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Findlay Township Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton, PA. The public is invited to attend.

Cheryl L. Pinehart
Twp. Secretary

(858 1-5-05, 1T)

**CORNELL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING DATES FOR 2005**

The Cornell School District Board of Directors will hold their Regular Board Meetings on the following dates and locations at 7:00 P.M. during the 2005 calendar year:

January 20, 2005	- Neville Municipal Building
February 17, 2005	- Cornell Education Center
March 17, 2005	- Cornell Education Center
April 21, 2005	- Neville Municipal Center
May 19, 2005	- Cornell Education Center
June 16, 2005	- Cornell Education Center
July 21, 2005	- Neville Municipal Building
August 18, 2005	- Cornell Education Center
September 15, 2005	- Cornell Education Center
October 20, 2005	- Neville Municipal Building
November 17, 2005	- Cornell Education Center

The Agenda/Workshop Meetings will be held on the following dates in the Cornell Education Center Library at 6:30 P.M. during the 2005 calendar year:

January 10, 2005	July 11, 2005
February 7, 2005	August 8, 2005
March 7, 2005	September 6, 2005
April 11, 2005	October 10, 2005
May 9, 2005	November 7, 2005
June 6, 2005	

Patrick J. Berdine
Business Manager/Board Secretary
Cornell School District

(879 1-5-05, 1T)

**OSBORNE BOROUGH
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Committee Meetings: Public Works will meet at 7:00 p.m. and Finance at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Public Safety will meet at 7:00 p.m. and Public Services at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. Changes and cancellations will be posted at the Osborne School main door. Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board meetings will be announced by Public Notice in the Sewickley Herald Star.

	Council	Public Works & Finance	Public Safety & Public Services
January	16	4	5
February	15	1	2
March	15	1	2
April	19	5	6
May	17	3	4
June	21	7	1
July	19	5	6
August	16	2	3
September	20	6	7
October	16	4	5
November	15	1	2
December	20	5	7

Malet Gordon, Borough Secretary
(854 12-29-04, 1-5-05, 2T)

**LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS
HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) of the Borough of Sewickley Heights will meet on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 4:00 P.M. at the Borough Hall, Country Club Road.

At this meeting the HARB will consider the following applications:

- Jahdi proposes to construct two ten-foot high pillars at their residence on Fair Acres Drive.
- Sinatra proposes to construct a 1,050 square foot detached three-car garage at their residence on Thavmont Drive.
- Sriani proposes to construct a second floor to their residence on Stonedale Road.
- Tomasello proposes to construct a new residence on their property on Winterberry Lane.

The Borough of Sewickley Heights
By: William P. Rohe
Borough Manager/Secretary
(877 1-5-05, 1T)

LEGAL NOTICE

A 393 lot residential sub-division, to be known as Irontate (Phases 1 thru 5), will be located along Bateman Road, next to the new Stonebridge development in North Fayette Township, Allegheny County. The project will consist of a mixture of single family homes, quads, townhouses, and carriage duplex units. The development will generate 393 EDU's or 137,550

gpd. Sewage will flow through North Fayette Township's collector lines to the M.A.T.S.F.'s Robinson Run Interceptor and Oakdale pump station, which conveys wastewater to the Chartiers Creek Interceptor and eventually to the ALCOGAN treatment plant. Plans and Modules are available for public inspection and comments, at the North Fayette Township Municipal Building, 400 North Branch Road, Oakdale, PA 15071, between 8 A.M. and 4 P.M., from January 7th to February 7th.
(850 1-5-05, 1T)

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**

The Aleppo Township Board of Commissioners herein advertise its intent to adopt the following Ordinance at a regularly scheduled Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be held on Monday, January 17, 2005 beginning at 7:00 PM, EST, at the Aleppo Township Municipal Building, 100 North Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143.

An ordinance of the Township of Aleppo adopting Emergency and Municipal Services Tax (EMST) to replace Occupational Privilege Tax (OPT).

A public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on the date and time hereinabove stated.

The ordinance in full text is available for inspection at the Township Offices, 100 North Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143 during regular business hours.

An ordinance of the Township of Aleppo restating all ordinances affecting land use, planning, zoning and property maintenance and development.

Martha B. Rogers
Township Secretary
(874 1-5-05, 1T)

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that A-1 Self Storage Center, having its office at 401 Coraopolis Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108, and being the owner of the leased spaces described as follows and rented by the herein named party, will sell the stored property to satisfy the owner's lien created by the non-payment of rent.

Sale will take place at 401 Coraopolis Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108 on Monday, January 10, 2005 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. by means of complete unit sale only.

NAME	BIN NO.
John Andrea Grace	421
Anthony P. Reis	14
Brad D. Brown	14-6
Kara M. Hoy	9
John J. Haurich	377
Kimberly A. Roth	411
Cast Master	334
International	
Cast Master	337
International	
Joseph Veamon	154
Miguel A. Marrero	504

(852 12-29-04, 1-5-05, 2T)

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September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at Osborne Elementary School, Beaver Street, Osborne, Pennsylvania.
(876 1-5-05, 1T)

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